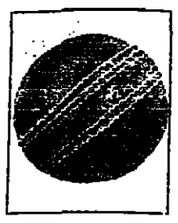
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Church-state clash over morality

Families of Bulger killers fear revenge

BY RICHARD FORD AND FRANCES GIBB

■ A minister's attack on the church role in teaching children morality has angered clergymen. Lambeth Palace is seeking "clarification" from the home secretary

THE families of the murderers of two-year-old James Bulger are living in fear of violent reprisals after the trial judge allowed the identities of the killers to be disclosed, their solicitors said yesterday.

As the boys, both aged 11, began their first day as convicted murderers in homes where the other children now know their identities, solicitors of Robert Thompson and Jon Venables expressed concern for the safety and peace of mind of their families.

Their fears were heightened after a man, who said he was an uncle of the dead boy, threatened on a television phone-in programme to kill the two murderers if they were ever released.

The solicitors voiced their concern over trial judge Mr Justice Morland's decision to allow the boys to be identified as a furious row erupted between church and state over the teaching of right and wrong to children. David Maclean, the junior Home Office minister, told a conference on juvenile justice: "I find it sad that it has largely been left to politicians and commentators in the press to argue about the importance of teaching children the difference between right and wrong."

He said he found it extraordinary that the church had remained silent on the importance of teaching morality to children, and accused it of getting its priorities wrong. "It is surely part of the problem that while the church spends its time discussing social issues, such as housing, politicians are left to talk about the importance of the difference between right and wrong."

He also told the Children's Society that ministers are considering the introduction of classes as part of the national curriculum to teach children how to be good parents.

When Mr Justice Morland agreed to lift the order, he had said that "the terrible circumstances in this case put it in a class of its own".

But Susan and Neil Venables, living at a secret address outside Merseyside, were said by their solicitor to be distressed by the order to reveal their names. Lawrence Lee, solicitor for their convicted son Jon, said: "I had a brief conversation with the father today. They are devastated over the order." He added: "It has caused them trauma, and whether it will cause them physical problems we will have to wait and see." He had advised them to allow the dust to settle, but added that they might have to make further arrangements for their safety.

Robert Thompson's solicitor, Dominic Lloyd, said the family were also fearful and concerned. "I share Mr Lee's concern from the point of view of the safety and the peace of mind of the family. One of the emotions that came out from them was a great deal of fear and concern. How specific the threat to them might be, remains to be seen, but they are certainly concerned from the security aspect."

Church of England and Roman Catholic Church leaders reacted furiously last night to Mr MacLean's comments. Senior Anglican sources described his remarks as "bizarre and ill-informed", while Archbishop Derek Worlock, the leader of Roman Catholics in Liverpool, said the minister showed an astonishing capacity for restricted reading and what Evelyn Waugh called selective hearing.

Lambeth Palace wrote to the home secretary demanding clarification of Mr MacLean's "strange" remarks. Philip Goodrich, the Right Reverend Lord Bishop of Worcester, said: "It is easy to say that about us. We must heed what they (ministers) say but I won't accept all the blame being put on us". He said the government tended to be selective about what it thinks is right and wrong. Ministers liked to hear the church talk about dishonesty and sexual morality but there were other forms of dishonesty. "What is the difference between a boy stealing from a supermarket and a supermarket stealing a profit on a Sunday against the law which they are flouting?" he asked.

In spite of demands for action to curb the availability of horror videos which the judge suggested might have played a part in the boys' action, the government is reluctant to take further action. Michael Howard, the home secretary, said he would not be rushed into making a snap judgment on the issue.

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SIMON PRICE

Four members of a football team from Ashburton High School, Croydon, had to be cut free from this minibus after a collision at the A3 junction with the M25 in Surrey yesterday. No one was killed, and the teacher who was driving was praised for making the pupils wear seatbelts. Page 2

British cars get safety help from corpse tests

BY KEVIN EASON
MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

EVIDENCE from road crash tests involving human corpses has been used by British motor manufacturers to make cars safer.

Ford and Vauxhall said last night that their American parent companies had helped to finance tests in which bodies strapped into cars are deliberately crashed to discover the effects of road accidents on drivers and passengers.

Executives at Ford of Britain and Vauxhall, owned by General Motors, distanced themselves from the tests, emphasising that they use dummies in their crash tests here. But it emerged that British manufacturers could be the unwitting beneficiaries of evidence collected from tests on corpses, because the results are used to design the dummies.

Prosecutors in Germany are investigating the disclosure that Heidelberg University has carried out 200 tests using corpses over the past 20 years. Three American universities also admit carrying out such tests, and a fourth runs a dozen crash tests a year using bodies donated for medical research and with the approval of the families.

Professor Murray Mackay, of the European Transport Safety Council, said: "It is a vital part of the research process. You have to have real injuries, to measure the way they occur."

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Tories punish Maastricht rebel

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MPs LOYAL to John Major last night took their revenge on the party's Maastricht rebels, ousting their effective leader from the executive of the 1922 committee. They voted to replace Sir George Gardiner with a loyalist rightwinger who supported the government throughout the bill's nine-month passage through Parliament.

Sir George, who is also chairman of the right-wing 92 Group, lost his place on the executive after opposing the government over the bill and denouncing Mr Major's "bullying" tactics. Four other Maastricht rebels targeted by the loyalists clung to their posts.

Sir George was replaced by David Evans, MP for Welwyn and Hatfield, the former parliamentary aide to John Redwood, the Welsh secretary.

The vote represented a modest bolstering of the prime minister's position. It comes as the latest opinion poll shows that his high-profile attempt to break the deadlock in Northern Ireland and his "back to basics" campaign have failed so far to win public support for him or the Tories.

The latest MORI poll for *The Times* shows that Mr Major's personal approval rating has fallen slightly over the past month and is only just above the record low for any post-war prime minister, recorded during the summer. Even among the hard core of remaining Tory supporters, only half are satisfied with the way he is doing his job.

Last night's secret ballot, in which 250 backbenchers were entitled to vote, was the culmination of a fierce backstage power struggle in which the Thatcherite 92 Group, once dubbed "Maggie's militants", was opposed by a newly formed "Mainstream" group of self-styled loyalists.

In what proved to be only a limited strike against the right, Mainstream fielded candidates from all wings of the party, including five 92 Group members who had not rocked the boat over Maastricht.

Many MPs saw the contest as a battle for the soul of the party. The conclusion at Westminster last night was that Mr Major was in a slightly stronger position to face the challenges of the coming parliamentary year.

Generally the result was satisfactory for the right. Sir George was punished for being the most outspoken of the rebels and the man who was seen as their chief organiser. However, his defeat will be taken as a warning to the right that disloyalty has a severe price. In recent days it has been obvious that he was the main target of the party establishment.

The 1922 executive, made up of six officers led by Sir Marcus Fox, the chairman, and 12 committee members, is the official voice of the backbench party. Known as "the men in grey suits", in theory the executive has the right to tell a prime minister that he has lost the confidence of his MPs and should resign.

In a separate election Dame Jill Knight and Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith retained their posts as vice-chairmen of the 1922, seeing off a challenge from Robert Dunn, a rightwinger.

The outcome of the election suggests that the parliamentary party wants an end to factional infighting. It appears to endorse the swing to the right at the party conference, which was dominated by right-wing ministers such as Peter Lilley, Michael Howard and Michael Portillo combining rampant Euro-scepticism with Thatcherite social policies — an agenda largely endorsed by the prime minister in his "back to basics" speech.

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Major and Kohl say Gatt is the target

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

BRITAIN and Germany undertook yesterday to prod all dissenting countries to sign a world trade deal under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade before the December 15 deadline, and hinted that France would be the main focus of their efforts. France itself yesterday launched a bid to bring the deadline forward to December 2.

Speaking in Bonn after talks with Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, John Major gave a warning that failure to meet the deadline might ignite an international trade war. He confirmed Downing Street reports that he had received the backing of the United States when he spoke to President Clinton by telephone on Wednesday night. "We need to keep up the pressure on all the main participants to show flexibility — both within Europe and beyond Europe," he said.

Herr Kohl said a collapse of the Uruguay Round would mean chaos in developed countries and pain in the Third World. Both leaders, apparently out of respect for the close Franco-German relationship, were careful not to identify France specifically as the main target of their pressure.

Asked if Britain and Germany would strenuously lobby France, Mr Major replied that "a number of coun-

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Hitler expected quick collapse by Britain



HITLER believed Britain would succumb to any German invasion with scarcely a struggle, according to secret wartime documents released for the first time yesterday.

Intelligence reports received by the Nazis suggested Britain was rife with political divisions and that Churchill was a paper tiger who lacked the grit to see off an attack.

Joachim von Ribbentrop, the German foreign minister, spoke to a Japanese diplomat as early as November 1941 of a split in the Conservative Party and a lack of confidence in Churchill's leadership.

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Polymath Anthony Burgess dies at 76

BY DANIEL JOHNSON AND ALISON ROBERTS

ANTHONY Burgess, author of *A Clockwork Orange* and *Earthly Powers*, has died of cancer at a London hospital. He was 76.

He had been ill for some time and his death on Monday was not unexpected, but its announcement still shocked fellow novelists, for many of whom Burgess had become the grand old man of English letters.

Although Burgess received neither the Nobel nor the Booker prize, he was more famous than many winners of either and the breadth of his frame of reference was unique among contemporary writers.

A gifted composer and a remarkable linguist, his reputation would be high even if he had written only his scholarly works on linguistics and on Shakespeare, Joyce and other writers, besides two volumes of autobiography.

He will be best remembered for the clairvoyance of his 1962 novel, *A Clockwork Orange*, which became a best-seller after the successful but controversial film directed by Stan-

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Thieving Bustards.

A SCOTTISH SOLDIER, leaving for the wars in 1939 (it is said), placed a half-crown on top of the granite pillar erected two centuries ago by General Wade in *the wildest and loneliest part of the Highlands*. On returning seven years later, he found it still there...

Hearing of this tale, a fishing friend of ours thought he'd repeat the experiment with a half-bottle of THE MACALLAN MALT WHISKY. He helped himself to a good sherry-mellow dram, then left the bottle on the pillar overnight. *Next day it was gone.*

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Pre-emptive fiscal strike is just shadow boxing

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

"Sock it to them!" screeched Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman (C, Lancaster) to the Chancellor yesterday. She was wearing her *Prisoner: Cell Block H* tunic in contrasting grey stripes.

Kenneth Clarke did as he was told. The word "knock-about" is overused, but this debate on the economy was knockabout if it was anything, which it hardly was.

Onlookers were mystified, as Clarke himself observed, over why Labour had called such a debate five days before the Budget. Gordon Brown, shadow Chancellor, was obliged to argue with the Chancellor about something of whose contents Brown was wholly ignorant. That was his handicap. The Chancellor was obliged to argue about something of whose contents he was fully aware, but which he was unable to divulge. The resulting impression was of two rumbustious gentlemen rolling their eyes and cavorting round the boxing ring with legs roped together, hands tied behind their backs, and only their mouths fully operational.

They made full use of these. But Gordon Brown was more convincing than he has often seemed lately. The swagger-factor was a point or two reduced. The jut of his jaw was a centimetre less forward than has been his habit, and the decibels were down. There was less pawing the air, fewer fearsome blows on the dispatch box, and some good jokes. He seemed less tense. Challenged, crisply, by the Liberals' Alan Beith, to share with the House a few ideas of his own for raising revenue, he was ready with one of his more plausible laundry-lists.

It was workmanlike. Your sketchwriter spotted only one risk. The thrust of Brown's offensive returned again and again to the imposition of VAT on domestic heating. Why, he asked, would the government not withdraw this unpopular proposal? At this, I noticed the Chancellor's hand move to cover his mouth. Could it be . . .? But no. Brown was probably safe. And nobody could call him preposterous. Given that he had nothing to say, this was a quiet achievement.

Kenneth Clarke was completely preposterous, but then he seems to be making a virtue of it. From the sketchiest of notes he produced a cart-wheeling speech which was all the more impressive for being delivered virtually impromptu yet days before his Budget. We cannot remember that he said anything at all that mattered, which is another achievement.

Much of the Chancellor's speech was devoted to deriding the pile of three big red books which Mr Brown had placed on the dispatch box before him, presumably as a make-shift lectern for his notes. These notes, he said, consisted mostly of "cyclostyled Tory election leaflets". Unable to rely on any more substantial research, Brown had "spent £3 billion of taxpayers' money before he reached the third sentence of his speech".

On the word "speech", Clarke gasped like a man who has already emptied his lungs in shouting, and is trying to force out the last few words of his sentence, without air. This, I notice, is a habitual oddity in his oratory.

Take his sentence, yesterday (speaking of Labour's plans) "£2,050 more in taxation". Try expelling all the air from your lungs, then shouting that. You will find that the word "taxation" emerges in a strangled squawk. If you can say "taxation" in a strangled squawk, but say it nevertheless, you are well on your way to becoming a modern Tory Chancellor.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Judge delays trial as boy goes on safari

MPs demanded an enquiry last night into the postponement of a trial because social workers had taken a key prosecution witness on a £3,000 "character building" African safari. The case had been due to start, with 28 witnesses, at Gloucester Crown Court on Tuesday.

When it emerged this week that the 16-year-old witness in the trial of a man accused of causing a woman's death by dangerous driving was in Kenya, the hearing was postponed until January by Judge Hutton. The judge said: "This must be looked into. I am worried that he has been allowed by social workers to leave the country." The safari will be paid for by Gloucestershire County Council.

Police question girl, 14

A 14-year-old girl was being questioned by police last night after the death of Serena Steele, also 14, who claimed she had been assaulted. Miss Steele, of Aston, Birmingham, told police that the girl had attacked her, but they found no evidence of injury. Later, Miss Steele's grandmother realised the girl was unwell and took her to hospital, where she died.

Irish leak enquiry

The Irish government has called in police to investigate the leaking of a document which called on Britain to recognise the legitimacy of a united Ireland. The investigation was announced on Wednesday night by Dick Spring, the deputy prime minister. Ulster Unionists said last night that the enquiry was a sham.

MoT deaths: two held

The owners of the garage where two Department of Transport inspectors were shot dead on Monday have been arrested. The two men, believed to be brothers aged 31 and 36, were due to be interviewed by detectives yesterday after Simon Bruno, 28, and Alan Singleton, 56, were killed with shotgun blasts at Stockport, Greater Manchester.

Severin lands safely



The British explorer Tim Severin, left, arrived in Tokyo after aborting his six-month trip across the Pacific in a bamboo raft, intended to prove that Chinese explorers could have made the voyage to America more than 2,000 years ago. He said yesterday that the trip was possible but "if they did it, the crew and the raft wouldn't have been in very good shape when they got there".

Budget will aid fragile recovery, says Clarke

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND JONATHAN PRYNN

KENNETH Clarke admitted last night that the recovery was fragile and promised to bring forward a Budget next Tuesday that would nurture it.

In what appeared to be a surprisingly broad hint only five days before his first Budget speech, the Chancellor signalled that he did not want to compromise the good progress being made by the economy.

He left Tory MPs with the impression that he had decided against introducing punitive tax increases next week, although virtually all of them are expecting further rises on top of the £6.5 billion in the pipeline from Norman Lamont's March Budget. He also appeared to rule out an increase in the basic rate of VAT next week.

Mr Clarke, speaking on the final day's debate on the Queen's speech, said Britain's economic situation was "much more encouraging than in any other major economy inside the European Union".

The economy was "plainly recovering and getting better", putting Britain ahead of the field. However, he agreed with the view that "there is recovery but it is fragile and needs to get stronger". He added: "I have to put forward a constructive Budget next Tuesday that will nurture the conditions I have been describing. I have not been describing a situation where I believe out there everything is no problem, everything is recovered. We all meet businessmen and people working in industry who know at the moment conditions are very difficult.

"But the fact is that in this country we should not react to that by pretending there is not the first signs of good news, there is not a recovery taking place."

The pro-European Mr Clarke also pleased Tory rightwingers by apparently setting his face against a successor to the exchange-rate mechanism.

While he had supported the ERM because of its anti-inflation discipline, he now told his European colleagues it was wrong to try to get of the drawer "fresh blueprints for fresh versions of the ERM".

Accused by Labour of breaking promises on VAT, Mr Clarke said Labour had been running a campaign at the last election suggesting the government would put up the basic rate of VAT. "It was completely spurious. It continues to be spurious."

Earlier Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, condemned the absence of proposals in the Queen's speech to rebuild the economy. The legislative programme would do nothing for industry and employment and merely pursued "the old, tired and crude dogma of privatisation and deregulation".

Mr Brown called for a Budget that addressed Britain's triple deficit on trade, borrowing and jobs and that "acknowledges and faces up to the mistakes of the past".

He predicted that the planned VAT on fuel compensation scheme would be the minimum the government could get away with.

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DENZIL McNEELANCE



A Cree chief sets his sights on Parliament before joining more than 45 Indians to seek Britain's support for a fight against alleged violation of their treaty rights in Canada

Jackson's guards 'knew too much'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

BODYGUARDS recently dismissed by Michael Jackson are due to go on television in America on Monday to claim the musician spent nights in his bedroom with boys as young as nine.

Two of the five bodyguards, who are suing him for unfair dismissal, will appear amid claims that the singer sacked them because they knew too much about his activities.

Although none of the guards claims to have seen anything illegal occur, they will allege that they were all dismissed because Jackson could not remember which of them had been assigned to destroy a photograph of a naked young boy that Jackson had in his possession. Four of them had been working for him for about six years.

Jackson is already being sued by a boy aged 13 who claims he was molested over a four-month period. The singer now faces four separate legal actions stemming from the original accusation. No criminal charges have been filed against him.

The guards also claim they suffered harassment from Jackson's team. They say they have been spied on and that his lawyers tried to "obstruct, impede and if possible prevent any investigation or enquiry dealing with allegations that Jackson had sexually molested any young boys".

What is potentially damaging for Jackson about the allegations is that they appear to show a pattern of behaviour stretching back over a number of years.

Jackson's lawyers have reiterated that all the serious charges against him could hinge on the testimony of one 13-year-old boy who is acknowledged to have psychological problems stemming from the acrimonious dissolution of his parents' marriage.

"Of all the young people that have known Mr Jackson over the years, you have one individual making these odd, unique complaints," said Howard Weitzman, one of Jackson's attorneys.

Burgess dies at 76

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ley Kubrik was released nine years later.

Friends and admirers paid tribute to Burgess yesterday. Auberon Waugh said that his "fierce intellect will be tremendously missed. The whole of English history was sieved through his mind and we saw glimpses of it." He added: "He was part of the old guard of novelists who stood head and shoulders above the younger writers."

Victoria Glendinning, one of a select band who celebrated Burgess' seventy-fifth birthday last year, said that he underestimated his reputation in Britain. "He always said that he felt like a prophet without honour in this country, but he actually had more honour that he would have liked to admit.

"He could be an old devil, but was more often noble, polite and wonderful."

Burgess left Britain in 1968 and, after spells in many European and north American cities, ended up in Monaco. He once said that he wished to die in exile.

His attitude towards Britain was one of unconcealed contempt, accusing it of philistinism and corruption. A. S. Byatt, the novelist, said that the importance of his work had still to be fully recognised in this country. "It is increasingly loved by young men writers. But he became what he always hoped he would become — a great European novelist. He dealt with the great themes of good and evil and must have been more verbally inventive than any other contemporary writer. He was also a very good man."

Peter Ackroyd described Burgess as the "last of the great 19th-century novelists", adding: "He was a modern Dickens or Thackeray."

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France is targeted over Gatt

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tries, not just France, have difficulties with the Uruguay Round". Clearly, however, the main thrust of his visit was to persuade Bonn that it could no longer pull its punches with the French.

Officials said Mr Major had urged Herr Kohl to make no concessions to Edouard Balladur, the French prime minister, in talks next week. "We are now, we believe, in sight of a satisfactory agreement of the Uruguay Round, and that means we keep pressing for the most substantial result possible," he said.

His conversation with Mr Clinton on Wednesday night, he added, suggested "that he is as keen as I am to conclude a satisfactory outcome".

Both leaders set out in detail the consequences of delay. Mr Major said it would "open up the danger ... of individual countries taking protectionist measures that would be followed by counter-measures and a significant decline in world trade". That, he said, would be very damaging.

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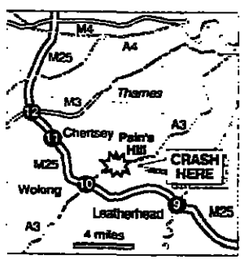
Driver saves pupils in school bus crash

BY IAN MURRAY

THE driver of a school bus that collided with a petrol tanker seriously injuring an 11-year-old boy yesterday almost certainly saved lives by insisting that the children fastened their seatbelts.

The accident on an entrance to the M25 in Surrey occurred less than two weeks after 12 children and a teacher were killed in a crash on the M40.

The action of the driver, a teacher, prevented further injuries among the group of boys from Ashburton High School, Croydon, who were on their way to play a football match. Four of the 14 boys on board, all aged 11 and 12, had to be cut free by firemen who feared the tanker might explode. The boy, suffering head and pelvic injuries, was flown by air ambulance to the Royal London hospital in Whitechapel. Last night his condition was said to be stable.



The other boys and their teacher, one mother and the drivers of four vehicles involved in the crash were ferried to St Peter's hospital at Chertsey. Only two other children were detained.

"When I heard it was a school minibus it was alarming for us," Stephen Fash, chief executive of St Peter's said.

"It crossed my mind it could be another M40, but fortunately the casualties are not too serious."

The minibus was on its way to the Alesian School at Chertsey. As it queued behind the tanker on the A3 at Pains Hill to enter the M25 it was shunted from behind by the juggernaut and crushed between the two vehicles. Another truck, a delivery van and a car were also involved.

Pauline Watson, a van driver who was passing, said: "We were getting the children out and they were screaming for their mums and dads and crying."

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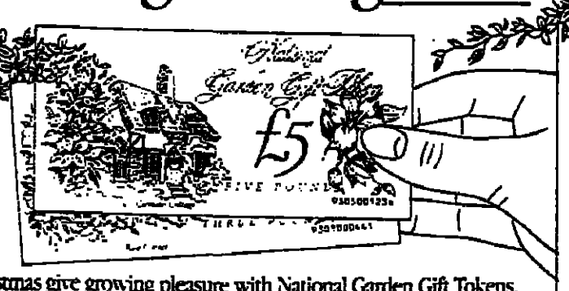


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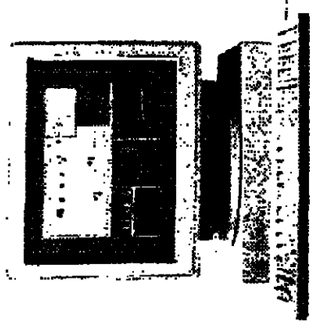
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What now for the killers of James Bulger, the judge and jurors, and the people of Merseyside?

Howard rejects clampdown on video nasties

By Alexandra Frean, Robert Morgan and Ronald Faux

CENSORSHIP

THE home secretary yesterday resisted calls for an immediate clampdown on "video nasties" in the wake of the James Bulger case as television and film watchdogs promised to publish new findings on the effects of screen violence as soon as possible.

The British Board of Film Classification said it would publish within a few weeks the first independent research for more than 20 years into the television and video viewing habits of juvenile offenders. The Broadcasting Standards Council, which oversees television taste and decency, will publish the results of a survey into violence in factual programmes on December 8.

Michael Howard's rejection of tighter restrictions came in response to questions in the Commons about the Bulger case, which ended on Wednesday after 17 days at Preston Crown Court. The trial judge, Mr Justice Morland, suggested that violent videos might have influenced the killers.

Mr Howard was not against tougher censorship, but said he would not make "snap judgments" about the outcome of the case. He added that the murder had "caused us to reach deep into the recesses of our hearts" to see whether anything could have been done to prevent it or to prevent a recurrence. "If there are any lessons to be learnt from this unspeakable crime, we must certainly learn them," he said.

Sir Ivan Lawrence, Queen's Counsel and Tory MP for Burton, said a major reason for the increase in crime was the "constant diet of violence and depravity" they were being fed by television, video, and computer games and pornography. The government should "ban this constant diet of trash" that was causing so much harm, particularly among young people, he said.

Mr Howard said Britain had the toughest law in this area, but it would be kept under review. He would take account of the survey shortly to be published by the British Board of Film Classification. The research, conducted by the Policy Studies Institute, is based on interviews with at least 200 young offenders aged 12 to 16. They have been asked what films and television programmes they watch and why, and their opinions about screen violence.

The government will also examine the findings of the Broadcasting Standards Council's study of public attitudes to violence in news programmes, documentaries and crime reconstruction programmes.

Despite copious research on the subject already, there remains widespread disagreement about the links between screen and actual violence. Police involved in the case of James Bulger, who was killed after being lured away from his mother at Strand shopping centre in Bootle, Merseyside, do not believe the brutal attack can be blamed solely on addiction to video nasties.

Det Supt Albert Kirby, who led the investigation, said none of the video films found at the boys' homes in the Liverpool area were exceptionally horrific and films borrowed by their parents from their local video shop were of a type freely available to adults.

"They were not what I would want a child of mine to watch, but they were no worse than the 18 class films that are generally available," he said.

The *Liverpool Echo* newspaper yesterday published details of a report on Jon Venables by Dr Susan Bailey, a consultant adolescent forensic psychiatrist. It said that he dreamed of becoming a child hero who rescued James Bulger and returned the two-year-old boy to his parents. Venables recoiled from violent scenes in videos and his favourite film was *The Goonies*, a children's adventure story about pirates.

British Sky Broadcasting, the satellite broadcaster, abandoned plans to screen *Child's Play 3* tonight after it emerged that James's murder in February bore similarities to the horror film. It had been rented on video by Venables's father, although it was said the child had not seen it.

A spokeswoman for BSkyB, which is 50 per cent owned by News Corporation, parent company of *The Times*'s owner, News International, said it would be inappropriate to show the film.

Child's Play 3, an American film, tells the story of a doll called Chucky that comes to life possessed by the soul of a killer. It is available in video stores and is classified as suitable for viewers aged 18 and over.

Ken McArthur, senior vice-president of marketing at CIC Video, the UK distributor of the film, said: "We take a responsible attitude to our distribution of films and ensure that they carry all the required safety guards."

Mary Whitehouse, announcing her decision to resign as president of the National Viewers' and Listeners' Association, suggested that Robert Thompson and Jon Venables could have been affected by watching violent television programmes and videos and called for stricter obscenity laws.

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Safety first on Merseyside yesterday, where a toddler was kept on reins by his parents as they walked towards Strand shopping centre in Bootle

'Horror videos do not turn children into horrific people'

By Edward Gorman

FEARS that exposure to violent films may have played a key role in the Bulger case and could help to account for rising juvenile crime were dismissed yesterday by a leading researcher in the field.

Dr Guy Cumberbatch, who has been studying children and visual imaging for 20 years, said research carried out around the world had not proved a conclusive link. He suggested that in the wake of the trial, people were grasping at anything to explain the killing.

Dr Cumberbatch, senior lecturer in applied psychology at Aston University, said: "The danger is that we are tending to oversimplify what children are. We adults have a picture-postcard view of children. They are much more complex and thoughtful than many adults believe."

Dr Cumberbatch has found that by the age of seven children are beginning to make clear distinctions between fantasy and reality, regardless of what it is they have been watching. Children exposed to horror films intended for adults do not become progressively desensitised but more sophisticated in their response and more aware that it is a film they are watching, not an episode from real life.

Dr Cumberbatch concludes that while there is evidence that children mimic what they have seen on television, they make a clear distinction between fantasy and reality. "I'm quite sure these horror films will give your child bad nightmares, but horror films are designed to horrify, they do not make the children themselves horrific people," he said.

He argues that the real causes of juvenile crime have more to do with the break-up of family life and poor parenting.

Civic heads keep alive the spark of hope

By Bill Frost

RELIGIOUS and community leaders stressed Liverpool's determination to bring hope out of tragedy yesterday as floral tributes piled up around the grave of James Bulger.

The dead child's parents have said they will donate much of the £161,000 which has been sent to them by people from all over the world to youth projects in the Kirby area where they live. Sean Sexton, the family's solicitor, said the Bulgers would show the city had dignity and pride.

Billy Waldron, who helps run the Centre 63 project in Kirby, said: "We are keeping the spark of hope alive despite everything that has happened, and it seems to be working well. A lot of the kids come to us knowing that there is no chance of a job.

"We keep a lid on the anger and sense of betrayal. The government promised so much and delivered nothing

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in Liverpool. But because of that the community spirit is stronger," he said.

Derrick Walters, the Anglican Dean of Liverpool, is bullish too. He has convinced private investors to part with millions of pounds to fund important projects.

"No knight on a white charger is going to ride into Liverpool unbidden and solve all our problems," he said. "We have to do the job ourselves.

"I really think I can see us coming out of these dark days we have had to endure."

Others, however, are still gripped by shock and fury over what the trial judge described as "this ghastly case". Their sorrow and incomprehension over the murder is tempered by indignation that the city itself was in the dock alongside Jon Venables and Robert Thompson.

The Liverpool *Daily Post* yesterday morning spoke of "the slander of national newspapers which portrayed the incident as somehow symptomatic of the mythical Merseyside malaise".



A typical selection of horror films available at a video store yesterday

Boys to be treated as children first and offenders second

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

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ROBERT Thompson and Jon Venables yesterday began a life behind locked doors. They will be taught discipline and provided with an education in a *régime* tempered by weekly visits from their families and regular telephone calls home.

The two 11-year-olds will be allowed to receive any number of calls and make several themselves each week as part of the effort to maintain their contact with relatives.

The only formal arrangement to encourage parental involvement will be meetings four times a year at which the boys' progress will be reviewed.

Thompson and Venables will remain at the two secure units in northern England where they have been held for nine months while exhaustive enquiries are made into their family and education histories and their psychiatric and psychological conditions. The units will deal with their education and any immediate medical needs before tackling behavioural problems.

One official said: "We have decided to keep them in the units where they have built up a relationship with the staff. They have done remarkably well considering what has been going on around them."

Each boy occupies a single room in his unit, similar to a room in a university hall of residence.

The units have common rooms with books, televisions, table tennis and pool tables. The boys will be offered a range of hobbies including music, photography, carpentry and computing as well as physical recreation. They will be able to wear their own clothes. Older boys can smoke.

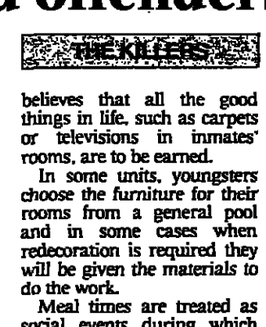
Many units operate a system of incentives that offer privileges to those who meet set goals. Eastmoor in Leeds believes that all the good things in life, such as carpets or televisions in inmates' rooms, are to be earned.

In some units, youngsters choose the furniture for their rooms from a general pool and in some cases when redecoration is required they will be given the materials to do the work.

Meal times are treated as social events during which youngsters learn personal and social skills, particularly important when many have never known, or ceased to have, family meals.

The boys will be expected to make their beds, keep their rooms tidy and as they get older will undertake more chores in the unit and cook some meals.

Thompson: choice of a range of hobbies



Venables: able to wear his own clothes

Staff in the units will try to avoid the children becoming institutionalised and help them to come to terms with their sentences. This can involve carefully monitored simulation of real life experiences. One of the objections to confining children at Her Majesty's pleasure is that it is hard to define goals for them or provide children with a sense of hope or a future.

An official said: "The children are being parented effectively by an institution. Eventually they have to learn how to go about their lives."

The intention of the 1933 Act under which the boys were sentenced is rehabilitative. They are to be treated as children first and offenders second. Each boy will have an individual care plan; his progress will be reviewed every three months and the results will be passed on to the health department and the Home Office.

Part of the counsellors' job will be help the boys accept and understand that, in spite of being found guilty of murder, people understand and are kindly disposed towards them. Therapy is likely to be on a one-to-one basis as well as in group work. It might involve the boys in drawing, painting and writing stories in the hope that analysts can get some idea of what is going on in their minds.

Barbara Kahan, a child care expert, said: "There really is no alternative other than to help the child to talk it out, get through to what they are feeling and to help them to understand what has happened and move on to the future.

"It is a long, tedious and delicate sort of job. It does not always work but it works a lot better than punishment. They will be shattered for years as a result of what has happened."

Jurors are offered trauma support

By Frances Gibb

THE Lord Chancellor's department said yesterday it would look sympathetically on any requests for counselling from jurors in the James Bulger murder trial who felt that they needed help after hearing the horrific evidence.

Britain jurors are usually not offered counselling although it is routine in some parts of the United States. A department spokesman said that if any such requests were made — and none had been so far — they would "obviously consider them".

Any such request could come via Mr Justice Morland, the judge in the case, or from the jury foreman or the any of the nine women or three men jurors. During the 17 days of the trial, the jurors listed to

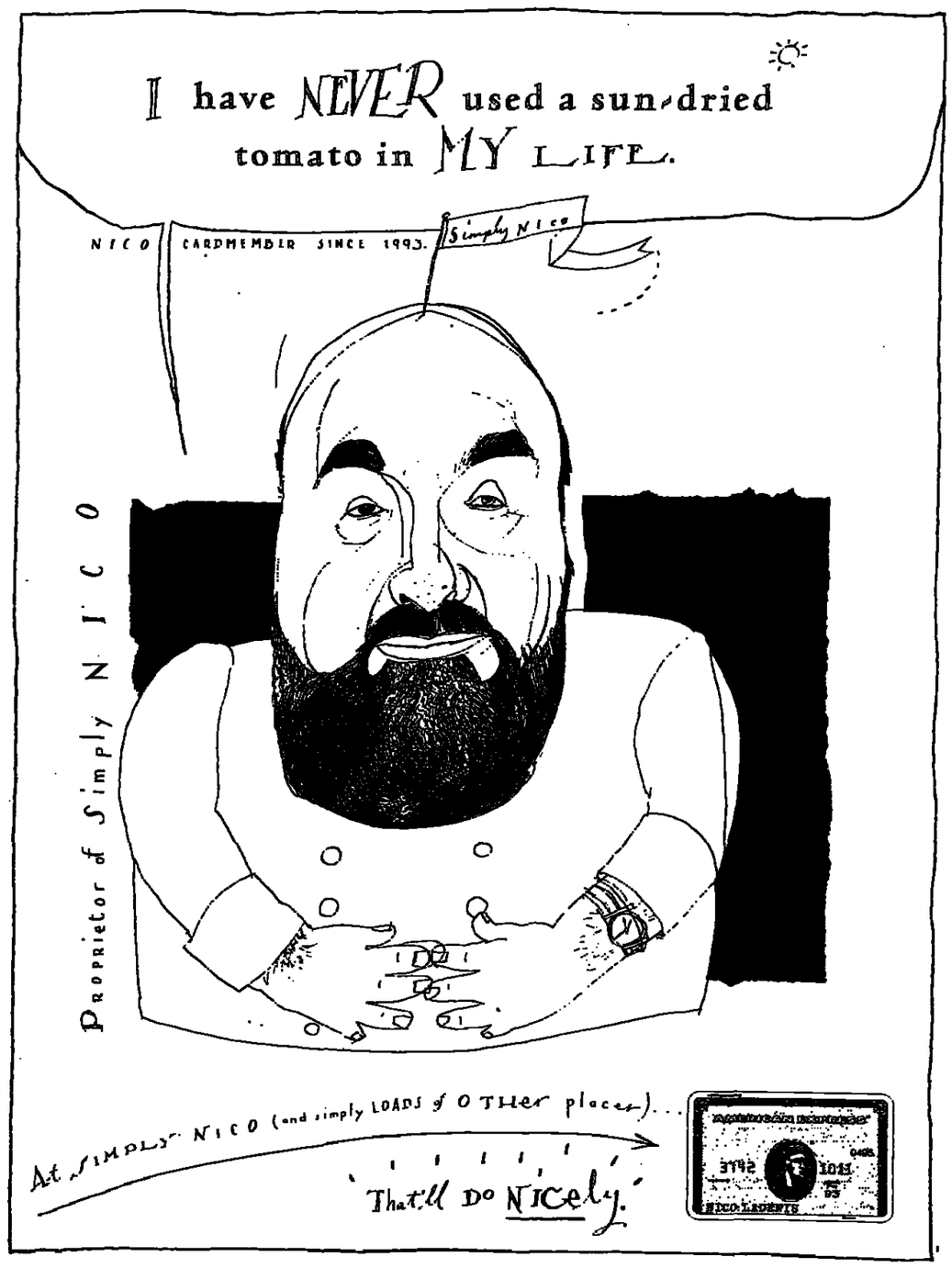
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some of the most harrowing and sickening evidence to have been put before a criminal court. They were also required to look at photographs of the dead child.

Some psychiatrists believe that the stress of being involved with murder trials can induce post-traumatic stress disorder, similar to that suffered by the survivors of disasters.

Mr Justice Morland was back at work yesterday, sitting at Preston Crown Court. He heard routine pleas — one involving a murder charge — and set dates for further hearings.

He will hear more appeals today before returning to the Royal Courts of Justice, having fulfilled his duties as circuit judge. He will work in the High Court Queen's Bench division.



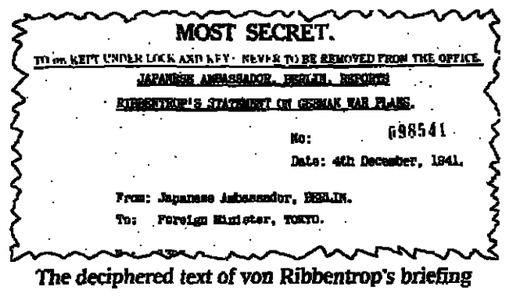
Files clear Churchill of Pearl Harbor cover-up

By Michael Dynes
Whitehall Correspondent

WINSTON Churchill had no advance warning of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, secret wartime documents released yesterday suggest.

Some revisionist historians claim that Churchill withheld intelligence on the Japanese attack to bring the US into the war. However, none of the intercepts of Japanese diplomatic messages between Berlin and Tokyo indicate that Britain was forewarned about the lightning assault on December 7, 1941, although it was clear that Japan was preparing to enter the war.

The documents are the first batch of almost 1,300 files summarising Britain's global intelligence gathering operations between 1940-42, which were prepared for Churchill. They will be released today at the Public Record Office at Kew, southwest London. Files covering the remainder of the war years are expected to follow shortly. The extent of Britain's knowledge of Japanese naval movements in 1941 will not be fully known until the rest of the archive has been released and examined.



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RIBBENTROP'S STATEMENT ON GERMAN WAR PLANS.

No: 698541

Date: 4th December, 1941.

From: Japanese Ambassador, BERLIN.

To: Foreign Minister, TOKYO.

The deciphered text of von Ribbentrop's briefing

Churchill's wartime intelligence briefings began on September 27, 1940. Major General Stuart Menzies, known as "C", the director of the Government Code and Cipher School (GCCS), the predecessor of GCHQ, provided the prime minister with a daily summary of signal and other intelligence.

The first five documents include a report from the Japanese ambassador in Berlin to the Japanese foreign ministry outlining Hitler's views on the Far East: an order from Tokyo to the Japanese ambassador in Washington to burn all cyphers: a report on German police activity giving the number of deaths at Auschwitz, and full details of impending German operations against Crete in May 1942.

The report from the Japanese ambassador in Berlin, dated November 29, 1941, outlines details of a lengthy conversation with Joachim von Ribbentrop, the German foreign minister. But it makes no reference to the attack on Pearl Harbor, which took place nine days later.

Von Ribbentrop warns Japan not to lose the "opportunity of achieving the establishment of the New Order in East Asia". If Japan hesitated "and Germany carried through the New Order in Europe alone, Britain and America would turn the brunt of their attack against Japan," von Ribbentrop said.

Von Ribbentrop told the Japanese ambassador that Japanese-US talks would not succeed and "if Japan was determined on war against Britain and America, not only would this be to the common advantage of Japan and Germany, but . . . it would be to Japan's advantage also".

The ambassador reported that Germany was now reconciled to war with America. "Considering that hitherto Ribbentrop has always answered that America would avoid war, and in view of recent speeches by Hitler and Ribbentrop, it seems to me that Germany's attitude towards America is stiffening, and that she has reached the stage where she would not shun even war with America," the ambassador said.



Von Ribbentrop: urged Japanese to join war

How Hitler tried to plunder the empire

By Our Whitehall Correspondent

ADOLF Hitler believed in 1941 that Britain could be defeated and stripped of all its colonies without a German seaborne invasion.

He planned to chase Britain out of the Near East, Africa, Gibraltar, and the Mediterranean, denude it of all influence in Europe, strip it of all its colonial possessions, and leave it "absolutely powerless," according to secret wartime documents released at the Public Record Office yesterday.

The papers from Churchill's secret wartime intelligence archive also confirm that Britain knew of the horrors of Auschwitz concentration camp by August 1942. From intercepted SS reports, Britain learnt that more than 8,000 men and women had died at Auschwitz in one month alone.

Almost 1,300 wartime intelligence documents have been declassified and were to be released today at the Public Record Office. Among them is a report of a conversation on November 28, 1941, between Joachim von Ribbentrop, the German foreign minister, and the Japanese ambassador in Berlin.

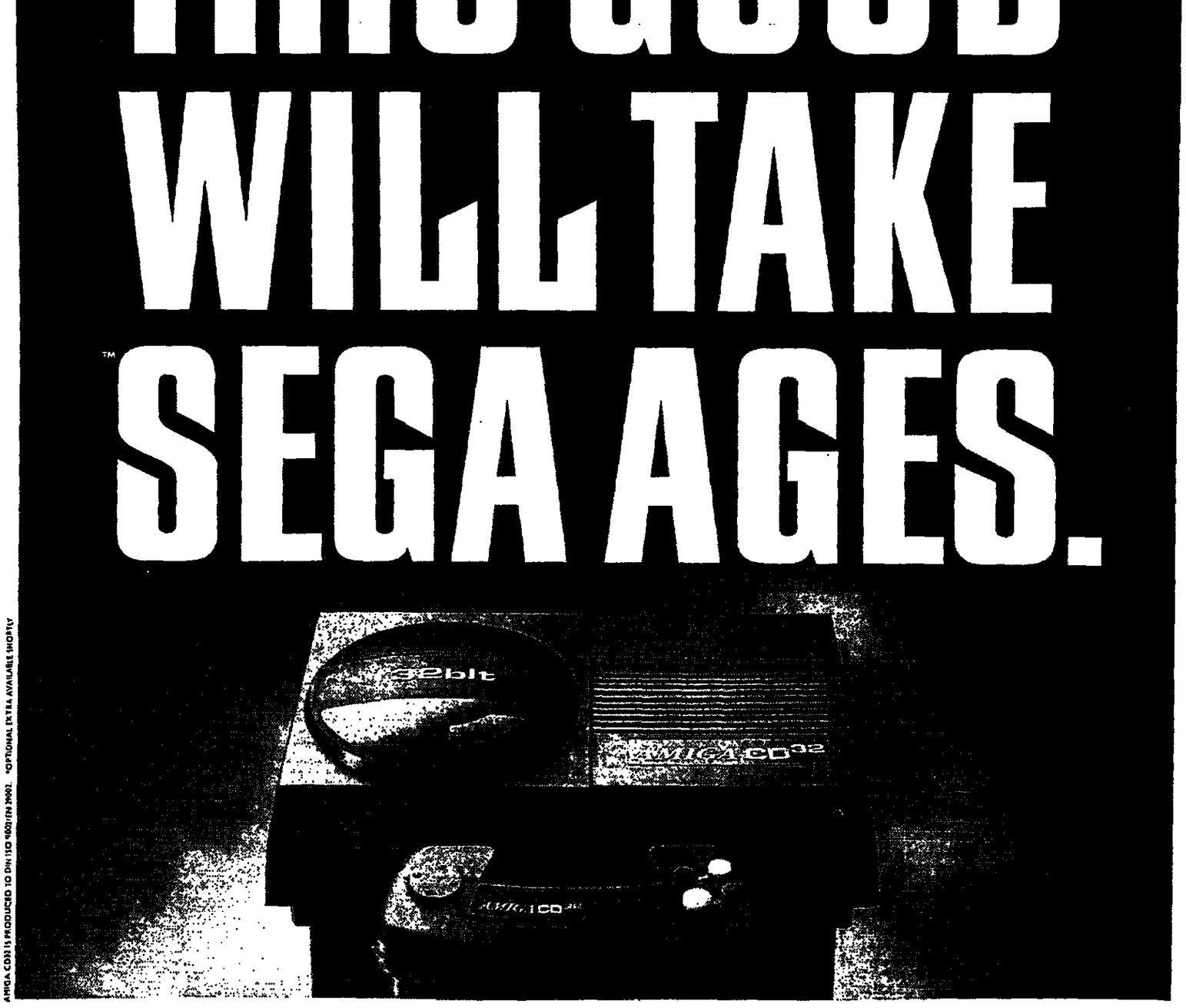
Von Ribbentrop told the Japanese ambassador that Germany was making preparations for an attack on Britain, but before the landing, Hitler would "chase British influence clean out of the Near East, Africa, Gibraltar, and the Mediterranean".

According to reports reaching Germany, "the internal situation in Britain was not any too good," von Ribbentrop said. "For instance the split in the Conservative party, the lack of confidence in Churchill and the revolutionary ideas of Bevin, the Labour leader, were making internal conditions quite difficult," he said.

He said that after the war Britain would be left powerless and although Britain would retain its home territory, all other British possessions would be split up between Germany, America and Japan.

Asked when he thought the war would end, von Ribbentrop said he hoped it would be "brought to a conclusion in the course of next year".

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Merchants stung over bee deaths

By Michael Hornsby,
Countryside Correspondent

A FORMER Scotland Yard murder squad detective was celebrating yesterday after bringing the killers of at least one million honey bees to book in the most unusual case of his career.

John Shoemake, a former detective chief superintendent who helped track down the Stockwell strangler before becoming an investigation officer for the agriculture ministry, was called in last year after three beekeepers in Essex found their hives had been devastated by a mysterious plague.

With the aid of a botanist at Kew Gardens, Mr Shoemake established that the bees had been poisoned by a pesticide used to spray a field of flowering parsnips being grown by E.W King & Co, a firm of seed merchants, at Monks Farm, near Kelvedon.

The company was fined a total of £1,000 at Braintree magistrates' court yesterday for offences under the Environment Protection Act 1985 and Control of Pesticides Regulations 1982 and was ordered to pay £4,500 in costs and compensation payments of £120, £1,120 and £2,000 to the three beekeepers.

Candidates vie for Arts Council job

By Alison Roberts
Arts Reporter

SIR Simon Hornby, the outgoing chairman of W H Smith, is emerging as a popular candidate to become the new chairman of the Arts Council.

Sir Simon, at present chairman of the Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts (ABSA), is widely regarded as an ideal man to reorganise the council and fight on behalf of the arts.

However, Sir Ernest Hall, musician and property developer, is the favourite to fill the post, which Lord Palumbo vacates in April next year. Sir Ernest, chairman of the Yorkshire and Humberside Arts Board, would shift council attention away from London.

Peter Gummer, brother of John Gummer, the agriculture minister, and a present member of the council, is also in the running. But Sir Simon is gaining support within the arts world. Beverley Anderson, a council member and chairman of the Book Trust, said she would be very happy "to wrest him from ABSA".

The decision, to be made by Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, and approved by Downing Street, is expected early next year.

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Channel 4 cuts carols to offer high-camp Christmas

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

CHANNEL 4 is to celebrate Christmas in a determinedly irreligious spirit this year, with a nine-day season of programmes from New York that relegates the Nativity to a minor role.

The centrepiece will be an alternative Queen's speech delivered from Manhattan by Quentin Crisp, the highly camp Anglo-American entertainer and socialite. The traditional Queen's message will also be broadcast.

Other highlights include a music and comedy show, *RuPaul's Christmas Ball*, presented by the New York drag queen RuPaul and starring Boy George and Elton John, and *Camp Christmas*, a programme made for gays and lesbians and featuring Stephen Fry, Julian Clary, Martina Navratilova and Armistead Maupin.

The agnostic philosopher Wittgenstein is celebrated in an educational film made by the director Derek Jarman, while the film-maker Beeban Kidron gives a personal view on New York's vast sex-for-sale industry in a documentary. The traditional pantomime story of Cinderella is transformed in an animation, *Prince Cinders*, with the ugly sisters replaced by ugly brothers.

Peter Salmon, Channel 4's director of factual programmes, said that part of the purpose of the season was to draw attention to excess at Christmas. "We chose to go to New York at Christmas because this is a period of excess everywhere in the Western world, with all extremes of opulence and poverty, extravagance and homelessness — and no city is more excessive than New York," he said.

There is room, though, for some traditional programming, most notably in Raymond Briggs's classic cartoon *The Snowman*.

Power breakdown forces London commuters to go by bus



Rebuilding London Underground in 1922. Today, far from improving the service, engineers spend their time working to keep it running

Tube blow-out sparks new faults

BY NICK NUTTALL AND TIM JONES

■ The breakdown on the Circle Line will heighten the conflict between management and the government over funding

TRAVELLERS on London Underground were yesterday forced to use special bus services in the east of the capital as engineers hunted for the fault which crippled the Central Line on Wednesday.

And Brian Mellitt, director of engineering, said that new faults had been discovered in the line's ageing electrical network, which only came to light when trains were running.

These faults, described as "load current dependent", are believed to be somewhere between Mile End and the Hainault loop. "I suspect they are closer to Mile End," Professor Mellitt said.

Empty trains are being run along this eastern section to trigger power failures and help to pinpoint their exact locations.

The site of the main power failure, which left thousands of commuters stranded between stations, is believed to have occurred in cables east of Liverpool Street, again in the Mile End area.

Engineers also suspect the blow-out could have occurred between Greenwich and Mile End. Power for the Central Line is generated at Lots Road in Chelsea and sent to Greenwich via the Blackwall tunnel.

Prof Mellitt said circuit breakers, used to protect the network from power surges or dangerous pulses, operated on the Greenwich to Mile End stretch. "They stop the current flowing but also stop the supply to the trains."

He could give no firm date when services would be back to normal.

London Transport laid on 80 buses yesterday for people affected by the closure of the eastern part of the line.

Prof Mellitt described the cables at the heart of the problem as 22K volt, alternating current. Some of the oldest still in service, they are of a pre-war design and were installed in the 1940s. They consist of three inner cables insulated with paper and sheathed in lead.

Prof Mellitt said: "They are older than we would like them to be. In my view they should have been replaced 15 years ago."

He said these older cables, which have been replaced on most of the Central Line, were due to ripped out by the end of next year. "There are about 90 kilometres of this 50 year-old cable east of Mile End."

Cables of an identical design and similar age which link the Greenwich power hub to Mile End will be kept for the foreseeable future, despite a "quite high" number of faults.

This latest breakdown will sharpen the battle between Sir Wilfrid Newton, chairman of London Regional Transport, and John MacGregor, the transport secretary, over funding for the 240-mile system which carries three million people a day.

Some parts of the Underground, built during the reign of Queen Victoria, are literally cracking at the seams with huge lengths of signalling and communications cables so brittle that engineers dare not touch them.

Sir Wilfrid and his executives believe the world's oldest underground is now suffering the consequences of years of underinvestment.

With government funding cut from £850 million to £550 million, their dreams of spending £900 million a year for a decade to establish a "decently modern metro" are disappearing.

Instead, all their efforts are aimed at preventing the system from deteriorating still further.

Among programmes that have had to be postponed are the replacement of ancient water pumps and drainage systems to hold back the rising water table, improved ventilation, viaduct and bridge repairs, and track replacement.

On some stretches of the system, track foundations are so old and crumbled that the rails wobble alarmingly whenever a train passes.

One senior source said yesterday: "We are running hard to hold the line. Every day is patch-up day."

Coroner halts Eiger fall inquest on 'dominated woman'

BY ROBIN YOUNG

POLICE might fly to Switzerland to investigate the death of a British woman with little mountaineering experience who fell 900ft while climbing the Eiger.

An inquest in London yesterday heard that Caroline Mayorcas was frightened by the prospect of climbing the mountain but was dominated by the boy friend who accompanied her, Hann Redwin.

Mr Redwin, 46, has been identified as the man who, under his previous name of Andrew "Gino" Newton, was chief prosecution witness in the Jeremy Thorpe trial of 1979. He was jailed in 1976 for shooting a dog that belonged to Norman Scott, a homosexual male model who was befriended by Jeremy Thorpe, leader of the Liberal party.

Allegations made by Mr Newton on his release from jail led to Mr Thorpe's trial on a charge of conspiracy to murder Mr Scott, but he was acquitted after his counsel had discredited Mr Newton as "a creature shaped by his own greed and deception".

The inquest on Mrs Mayorcas, 45, a divorcée from Shepherd's Bush, was adjourned yesterday so that further enquiries about the accident could be made in Switzerland.

She and Mr Redwin fell while roped together on the Eiger in August. In a statement to police, Mr Redwin said they fell while descending after Mrs Mayorcas complained of tiredness. He said his feet suddenly slipped despite wearing crampons.

Mr Redwin said he had undergone mountain training at university and had climbed the Eiger twice. He was only slightly injured, but Mrs Mayorcas suffered head injuries and never regained consciousness.

Her daughter Miranda, 18, said that she was extremely fit but had little experience of climbing. She had talked of mountain walking, not climbing, and had been scared when Mr Redwin brought climbing boots for her to wear. "She was very dominated by him, really," Miss Mayorcas added.

Det Insp David Stone of Fulham police told the inquest: "It is fair to say there are no criminal allegations. It is about matters of concern."

School test tables could decide fate of £3bn

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

LOCAL education authorities where seven-year-olds perform badly in national reading tests might receive extra cash under proposals being examined by ministers, a Labour MP claimed yesterday.

Official documents show that the results of curriculum tests are being investigated as a measure to help allocate up to £3.25 billion to disadvantaged areas, Stephen Byers, MP for Wallsend, said. At present, about four fifths of the £16 billion education budget is distributed to local authorities according to pupil numbers.

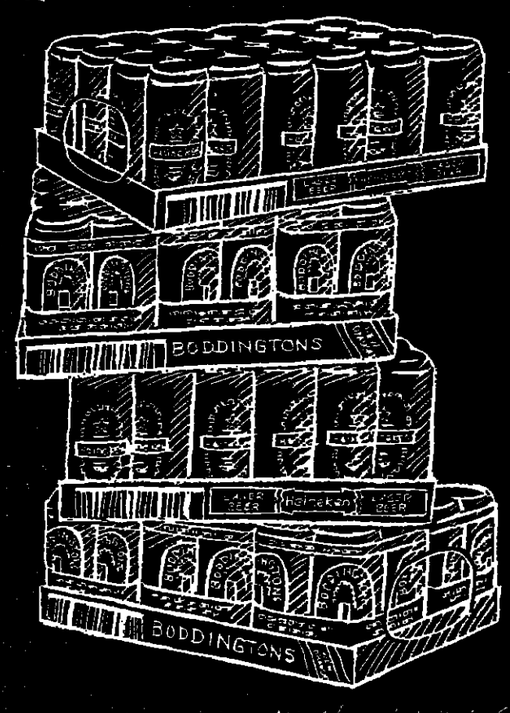
The remainder is allocated according to an assessment of need based on the percentage of residents who are single parents, from minorities or receiving income support.

Mr Byers said it would be "totally unacceptable to use a discredited testing system disrupted by the recent teachers' boycott as a basis for allocating government money."

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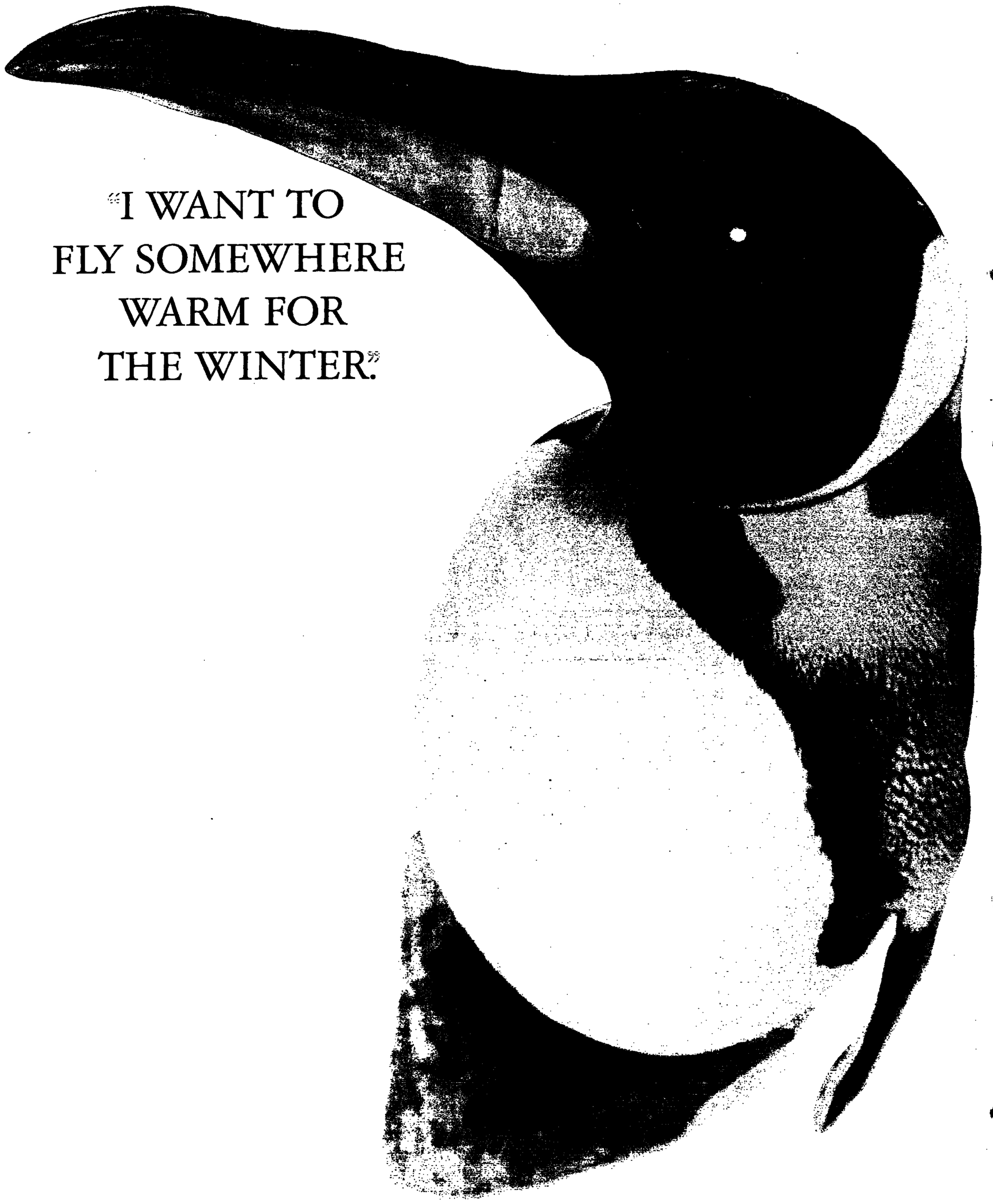


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Row with Masons costs Tories control of council

BY RACHEL KELLY, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

A COUNCILLOR has resigned from the Conservative party after alleging that he had been pressured over planning decisions from fellow Tories who are members of the Masons. His resignation means that the Tories have lost control of Medina Borough Council on the Isle of Wight.

Albert Annett, chairman of the council's planning committee, resigned last week and publicly accused fellow Conservatives of attempting to influence planning decisions. He said half the council's 16 Tories were Masons.

"I knew when lodge meetings were being held because the same group of people used to ring me up, one after the other, asking me to back the same scheme," said Mr Annett, a 72-year-old farmer. "When a certain application comes up before the committee, they speak after one another with the same view. I am fed up with being pressurised by Masonic councillors. I have always judged planning matters on their merits, that is the way it should be."



Annett: "The same group would ring about plans"

The council is now hung. The Tories had 16 councillors and had achieved a majority with the support of two independents. The Liberal Democrats, Labour and the two new non-aligned independents number 18.

Masons on the council denied the allegations. John Ritchie, the former mayor, said: "These allegations are rubbish. I am proud to be a Mason and proud to be a councillor, but I keep the two separate, and so do the rest of my fellow Masons on the authority. The lodge has never told me how to vote. It is fair to say there are several Masons on the council and they are all good people."

Mike Fletcher, leader of the council and also a Mason, said: "These allegations are absolute rubbish."

Morris Barton, a Liberal Democrat, said: "If the allegations are true, then the Masons have achieved what we couldn't at the polls — getting the Tories out of power. I think it is disturbing to have so many Masons on one committee. We want all Masons to declare themselves."

A county councillor on the island has called for an enquiry by the local government ombudsman into the case. Harry Rees said: "The public desperately needs to see that justice is being done on local planning matters and calling in an ombudsman is the right way to tackle it. We need to know if Masons are interfering with our local democracy."

Mr Annett said he had received a letter from the Mason's Provincial Grand Master at Eastleigh, Hampshire, who oversees the island, asking for evidence of who had put pressure on him so they could be reprimanded.

"I shall be responding in no uncertain terms," Mr Annett said. "It is not that I am against the Masons."

Mr Annett said that since he had gone public with his allegations, he had received more than 50 telephone calls from people warning him to be careful.

Mr Annett claimed that matters came to a head recently when a Tory woman councillor was replaced with a Mason on the planning committee. "I was outraged — and she quit the Tory group. Now I am doing the same."



CHRIS HARRIS

Pupils and staff from Hagley Roman Catholic High School joined hundreds of mourners yesterday at the funeral of Clare Fitzgerald, one of 12 children and their teachers who died after their minibus crashed into a maintenance lorry on the M40.

The church of St Wulstan and St Thomas of Canterbury in Stourport-on-Severn was so packed that the service was relayed by video to an adjacent church hall.

Among the mourners were Clare's parents and sister, her headmaster Paul Hill, representatives of the local education authority and members of the emergency services.

The school orchestra, of which Clare was a leading member, played during the service, which was led by Father Gerry Breen. He read a poem written by Clare, 13, two months before her death.

The service was followed by a private family cremation. The funerals of six of the other victims will be held today, and that of their teacher, Eleanor Fry, on Monday.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Drink lorry hijacked by conmen

A gang posing as police officers hijacked a lorry driver and stole his truck loaded with drink worth £50,000.

The driver pulled over when a car with two flashing red lamps signalled him to stop on the A422 at Chicheley, Buckinghamshire, shortly before midnight on Wednesday.

The driver, 26, from Barnsley, South Yorkshire, was dumped 15 miles away. His DAF truck, registration D742 ACX, has not been found.

Couple gassed

Brian Jones and Maria Amparro were treated in a diving recompression chamber at Plymouth, Devon, after inhaling fumes from the central heating system at their home in West Byfleet, Surrey.

Fatal kick

A retired farmer died when he was kicked across the road by his horse after a hunt, an inquest at Shrewsbury was told. A verdict of accidental death was recorded on Harold Manning, 63, of Oswestry.

Veteran hurt

Leslie Blore, 72, a war veteran from from Liverpool, fractured a shoulder while practising parachute jumps on Salisbury Plain for a 50th anniversary jump at Arnhem.

Crossed wires

Faulty wiring on a pedestrian crossing in Lincoln is giving dogs an electric shock.

Cancer risk uncovered in nuclear workers

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

MEN who absorbed radioactive dust into their bodies while working in the nuclear industry are five times more likely than the general public to contract prostate cancer, according to a new study.

The finding, published in the *British Medical Journal*, raises new doubts about the safety of the nuclear industry. It suggests that corrosion of the steel casings around nuclear reactors, caused by radiation, might be responsible for the increased risk to workers.

Scientists investigating 136 workers diagnosed with prostate cancer over 40 years up to the mid-1980s found they were linked with exposure to five radioactive substances in the dust produced by corrosion. There was no link with plutonium or uranium, which are usually regarded as the most hazardous substances.

About 10 per cent of men in the nuclear industry work in areas where they might have been exposed to these substances. The researchers found they had two-and-a-half times the normal lifetime risk of prostate cancer of one in 60.

Men with known contamination by at least one of the five substances — 14 out of the 136 cases — had a five-fold increase in risk.

Three quarters of the men with cancer worked in heavy water reactors, but in Britain these are all now closed.

WEEKEND SHOPPING

MEAT prices are likely to rise in the run-up to Christmas so it would be wise to stock the freezer now. Supermarkets have special offers on pork, beef and lamb.

Crab is available at about £1.50 a lb and large scallops are about 50p each in the shell. Hake, often associated with the warmer months, is this week's best white fish buy.

There is a great variety of cabbage. English and Dutch white and red cabbages are 20-50p a lb and Savoys are 25-45p each. Brussels sprouts are still excellent value.

For a taste of the tropics, West Indian bananas have been reduced to 40-60p a lb. English Cox's Orange Pippins are 25-55p a lb. Satsumas, kiwi fruit and pears are also available at good prices.

Advertised best buys include:

Asda: fresh pork rolled shoulder, 99p a lb; thin sliced cooked ham, 65p for 4oz; clementines, 99p for 2lb pack.

Co-op: Anchor extra mature cheddar, £1.99 a lb; Muller fruit corners, 29p; Campbell's standard condensed soup, 39p.

Gateway: large yellow melons, 89p; Summerfield tiger prawns, £1.99 a lb; Golden Wonder crisps, six-pack, 59p.

Harrods: fresh gurnard, £1.80 a lb; pork and beef roulade, £1.45 for 4oz; Munich weisswurst with herbs, £1.45 for 4oz.

Iceland: rindless back bacon, £1.29 for 9oz; 4-pack Heinz baked beans, 89p; 20 party sausage rolls, 99p.

Marks & Spencer: stuffed pork shoulder, £1.19 a lb; garlic baguette, 85p; 105g red salmon, 99p.

Safeway: Kellogg's Frosties, £1.85 for 750g; four boneless chicken breasts, £2.48 a lb; five-pack oranges, 75p.

Sainsbury's: prime rump steak, £3.28 a lb; pink grapefruit, 35p; chocolate biscuit twinpack, 99p.

Tesco: tenderlean shoulder of lamb, £1.45 a lb; loose swedes, 19p a lb; large rainbow trout, £1.99 a lb.

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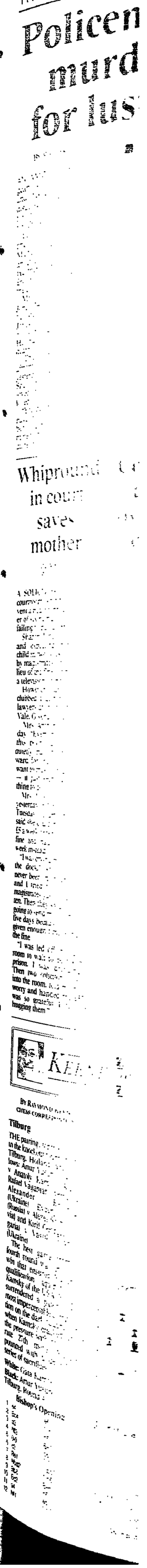
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Policeman guilty of murdering wife for lust and greed

BY RICHARD DUCE

■ A vital clue led detectives to suspect a colleague who thought he had committed the perfect crime in his own house

AN AMBITIOUS police sergeant who murdered his wife and faked a car crash to disguise the crime was jailed for life yesterday by Caernarfon Crown Court.

Lust and greed drove Stephen Jones to kill his wife Madallin while he was having an affair with a teenage girl. He then hoped to cash in a £60,000 life assurance policy, the court was told.

Mr Justice Kennedy told Jones, 34, that the murder was "a wicked, wicked offence." Jones, of Ewloe, Clwyd, has two sons, aged seven and ten. He had claimed his wife's death was "a tragic accident".

"That woman did nothing to affront you," said the judge yesterday. "She did no wrong. She bore your children, she loved them and she no doubt loved you.

"You destroyed her life. You have not perhaps destroyed, but you have wholly undermined those boys' lives. It is quite plain there is only one person you love — that is yourself."

Jones, who held ambitions of promotion to the rank of inspector, believed he had carried out the perfect crime by first bludgeoning his wife with a truncheon at their home and then running her car off a remote country road to make the death appear to have been an accident.

After the sentence yesterday, David Owen, the chief constable of North Wales, said it was an appalling offence and Jones had been rightly convicted.

"The investigation was carried out with a degree of thoroughness and impartiality, and this reflected highly on the professionalism and integrity of the police officers involved," he said. "I can but compliment my officers on the quality of their investigation, which has resulted in this man being imprisoned for life.

"There are of course distressing circumstances, particularly so for the children, who now have no immediate family."

Jones was trapped by his fellow officers because he left a vital clue at the scene of the apparent accident last January. Colleagues who found the body of Mrs Jones, 37, near her car became suspicious because the driver's seat was set too far back for the mother to have been driving. She was 4ft 11in tall.

Although the windscreen was broken, the court was told that forensic science tests at the scene also showed her head injuries were inconsistent with those likely to have been sustained in a road accident. Detectives gradually pieced together the truth that 6ft 1in tall Jones, who weighs 19st, had first killed his wife and then driven her body in the car to fake a crash less than two miles from their home.

Jones, married for 12 years, had been having a secret affair for 18 months with Julie Rutherford, a barmaid aged 19. He drove his wife's body in her car to a lonely stretch of the A550 just outside Ewloe and wore his police riot helmet to protect himself from injury during the staged crash.

The policeman was seen by a young couple near the crashed car, however. They telephoned the police.

Insp Gareth Jones went straight to Jones's home to comfort him, allowing the killer no time to dispose of the evidence. In the boot of his car, colleagues found his blood-stained riot helmet and a bag containing the truncheon still with traces of fresh blood.

Jones, a policeman with the North Wales force for 17 years, had denied murder and claimed his wife died when she struck her head after falling at their home during a quarrel about his affair with Miss Rutherford.



Stephen Jones faked an accident after murdering his wife Madallin

Girls' Schools Association

Patten extols role of sixth forms

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

JOHN Patten signalled government support for traditional sixth forms in schools yesterday. The education secretary's endorsement was part of a drive to expand choice outside sixth-form colleges.

Almost a hundred schools have applied to open or reopen sixth forms, Mr Patten said. He did not believe that post-16 education should be based entirely in colleges, as it was in some areas.

He told the Girls' Schools Association that the initiative would be one of many measures to increase options for a growing number of students remaining at school beyond 16. AS levels are also likely to be made less time-consuming to encourage more schools to offer the qualification.

The proposals failed to satisfy the association, which has been pressing for a wider review of sixth-form examinations. Delegates to its annual conference in Stratford-upon-Avon gave an ovation to Sister Jean Sinclair, the head of St Leonards-Mayfield School, East Sussex, who appealed to Mr Patten to drop plans for a "starred" A grade at A level.

Sister Jean said that the new grade would further narrow the sixth-form curriculum. "If girls see an A star as the next objective, they won't take the extra language or spend time becoming a violin soloist. They will be concentrating on this goal."

Joan Jefferson, the association's president who called for A levels to be scrapped, told Mr Patten: "We are not woolly liberals who have gone soft on academic standards. We think our children need a broader academic background than they now get."

Mr Patten insisted that A levels should stay into the next century, but predicted that an enquiry by the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority would result in AS levels being slimmed down. The qualification, worth half an A level and introduced to broaden the sixth-form curriculum, is still taken by only a small minority of pupils.

Whiproud in court saves mother

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A SOLICITOR organised a courtroom whiproud to prevent a heavily pregnant mother of six being sent to jail for failing to pay a £55 fine.

Sharon Jones, unemployed and expecting her seventh child in two weeks, was jailed by magistrates for five days in lieu of the fine for not having a television licence.

However, Carole Anthony clubbed together with other lawyers at the court in Ebbw Vale, Gwent, to pay the fine.

Mrs Anthony said yesterday: "Everyone felt sorry for this poor lady so we very quietly put the money forward for the fine. We don't want to make a big thing of it — it just seemed the right thing to do."

Mrs Jones, 30, at home yesterday in Ebbw Vale after Tuesday's court appearance, said she could not afford the £5 a week order to pay off the fine and had offered £2 a week instead.

"I was crying my eyes out in the dock," she said. "I've never been in trouble before and I tried to explain. The magistrates just wouldn't listen. Then they said they were going to send me to prison for five days because I had been given enough time to pay off the fine.

"I was led off into a side room to wait to be taken to prison. I was dreading it. Then two solicitors walked into the room, told me not to worry and handed me £55. I was so grateful I felt like hugging them."

Council tax appeals overwhelm officials

BY RACHEL KELLY PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

THE number of council tax appeals is expected to top 800,000 by the deadline at the end of this month. Only about 120,000 appeals have been dealt with so far and the backlog is likely to take at least 19 months to clear.

The Valuation Office Agency said the number of appeals had risen to 751,000 at the end of October, a 51,000 increase on September. The agency is expecting another 50,000 appeals before the deadline.

The high number of appeals is leading to long delays in settling cases. Only 33,500 undisputed cases were cleared in October, bringing the total dealt with to 117,000.

A survey by the Association of London Authorities shows that, with just five days until the deadline, nine out of ten appeals in the capital are unsettled. Toby Harris, leader of the association, said: "The valuation offices are taking an age to sort out this mess. We are calling on the government to speed up the process so that everyone, households and councils alike, can plan their budgets for next year."

Council tax is based on the value of the property at April 1, 1991. In Reading, Berkshire, the council estimates that families may be paying up to £1 million too much because their homes have been wrongly valued.

Martin Salter, council leader, wants the deadline extended. He says the government has not publicised widely the right to appeal.



KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Tilburg

THE pairings for the last eight in the knockout tournament in Tilburg, Holland, are as follows: Artur Yusupov (Russia) v Anatoly Karpov (Russia), Rafael Vaganian (Armenia) v Alexander Beliavsky (Ukraine), Evgeny Bareev (Russia) v Alexei Shirov (Latvia) and Kiril Georgiev (Bulgaria) v Vassily Ivanchuk (Ukraine).

The best game from the fourth round was the subtle win that ensured Yusupov's qualification against Gata Kamsky of the USA. Yusupov surrendered a pawn for almost imperceptible compensation on the dark squares and, when Kamsky cracked under the pressure with his inaccurate 27th move, Yusupov pounced with a devastating series of sacrifices.

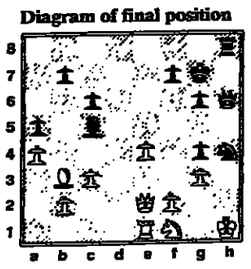
White: Gata Kamsky
Black: Artur Yusupov
Tilburg, Round 4

Bishop's Opening

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9	Bb3	Be6
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11	a4	a5
12	Nf1	Nh7
13	d4	Ng5
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22	Ne3	Qf4
23	Qc2	Ne5
24	Rad1	Rxd1
25	Qxd1	g6
26	Qe2	Kg7
27	g3	Nf3+
28	Kh1	Rh8
29	Nf1	Qh6
30	h4	Nxh4

White resigns

Diagram of final position



Joining a club

I have received many enquiries from readers about how to join a chess club. For full information about clubs in your area, contact the British Chess Federation (0424 442500) or write to them at 9a Grand Parade, St Leonards-on-Sea, TN38 ODD.

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Poll suggests government support is reduced to hard core of Tories

Major popularity slips again after autumn offensive

BY PETER RIDDELL

■ **Despite party conference unity and John Major's recent high profile, support for the government remains becalmed**

THE government's autumn offensive has failed to lift either the Tories or John Major personally off the rocks of their low opinion poll ratings.

The latest MORI poll for *The Times* shows that Mr Major's approval rating has slipped slightly over the past month and is only just above the record low for any post-war prime minister touched in the summer. The net balance measuring those satisfied less dissatisfied with his performance has dropped over the past month from minus 46 to minus 50 points.

Only half of the small band of diehard Tory supporters are now satisfied with the way Mr Major is doing his job as prime minister, with more than two-fifths dissatisfied. This is particularly worrying for Mr Major after the display of unity at the Tory conference and the high public profile he has taken with his "back to basics" initiative and his current attempt to break the Northern Ireland stalemate.

Tory support remains at 29 per cent, the same level as in the previous six months. This is the longest period in which a party's rating has been becalmed since late 1981. It suggests that the Tories are now down to their hard core but have failed to regain significant numbers of waverers.

The detailed breakdown shows that, within an unchanged overall rating, the Tories have succeeded in hardening support slightly among the professional and middle classes, the middle-aged, owner-occupiers and in southern England. But their support has slipped further among working class groups.

By contrast, Labour support has continued to edge up throughout the autumn and now stands at 47 per cent, its highest level since March. This compares with a recent low of 42 per cent in August.

These ratings are used by some in the Labour party leadership to argue that the party does not need to take further risks in changing its structure and policies since it can win office as a result of the Conservatives' mistakes. This is known as the "one more heave" view. However, the "modernisers" note that Labour enjoyed higher poll ratings for most of 1990 and still lost the subsequent general election.

John Smith's personal rating remains positive, with 39 per cent satisfied with the job he is doing as Labour leader and 36 per cent dissatisfied, but this is slightly less favourable than at the end of October. He is still relatively unknown: around a quarter of the public remains unable to pass judgment on his performance.

As Labour has gained recently, so support for the Liberal Democrats has drifted down. It stands now at 22 per cent, compared with 25 per cent in the summer. That shows that the impact of the earlier by-election successes is wearing off, but support for the Liberal Democrats is still higher than the 15 to 16 per cent rating a year ago.

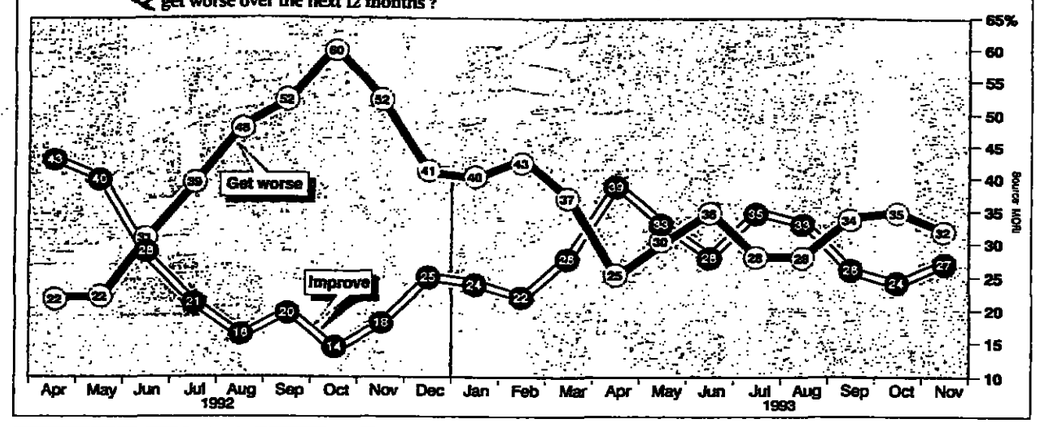
Paddy Ashdown's personal rating has also declined from its earlier high level. A positive balance of plus 25 (satisfied less dissatisfied) in August has dropped to plus 16 points. The fall has been entirely among supporters of other parties and he has retained his high rating among those saying they will vote Liberal Democrat.

☐ *MORI interviewed a representative quota sample of 1,772 adults at 139 constituency sampling points across Britain. Interviews were conducted face-to-face on November 18 to 22. Data were weighted to match the profile of the population. Voting intention figures exclude those who say they would not vote (8 per cent), are undecided (7 per cent) or refuse to name a party (3 per cent).*

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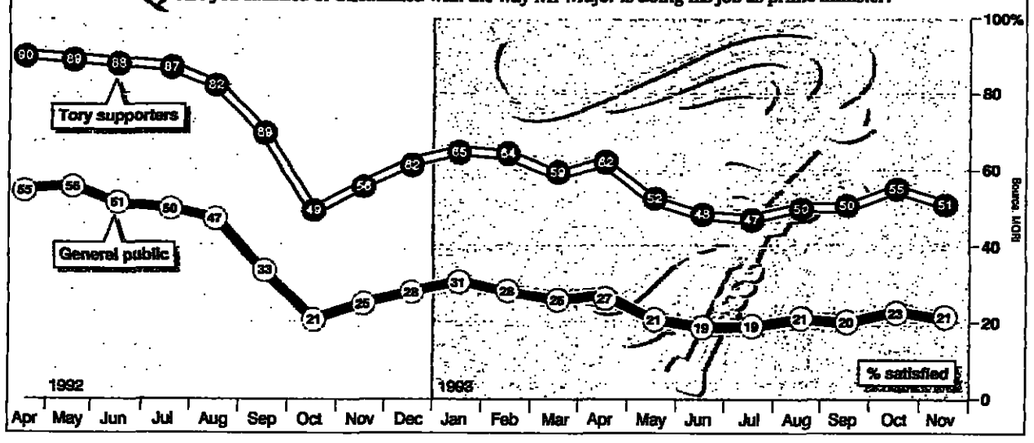
ECONOMIC OPTIMISM

Q Do you think that the general economic condition of the country will improve, stay the same or get worse over the next 12 months?



SATISFACTION WITH JOHN MAJOR

Q Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Mr Major is doing his job as prime minister?



Public refuses to trust recovery

BY PETER RIDDELL

THE public remains unconvinced about the end of the recession and the nature of any economic recovery, according to the latest poll by MORI for *The Times*.

The economic optimism index is still negative, as it has been in four out of the last six months. The index measures the proportion of the public expecting the general economic condition of the country to improve less those expecting it to get worse over the next year. It now stands at minus five points, compared with minus 11 points at the end of October.

Only just over a quarter of the public expects an improvement in the economy, with a third expecting conditions to get worse. Interviews for the poll were taken last weekend, before the latest cut in interest rates, which may, together with next Tuesday's Budget, affect attitudes next month.

The fluctuations in the index since the spring suggest that the public is uncertain about the direction of the economy. The confidence in the recovery reported by business is not shared by many members of the public, possibly reflecting the still sluggish state of the housing market in many parts of the country as well as continuing fears about job losses.

Unemployment is still top of the list of the most important issues facing Britain today, followed by the health service and the economic situation. The proportion mentioning education has jumped six points to 23 per cent. All the coverage of the prime minister's Northern Ireland initiative has made little difference. This issue is only rated as among the most important facing Britain today by 3 per cent of the public. The poll is only taken in Britain and excludes residents of Northern Ireland.

The end of the battles in the Commons over the Maastricht bill has meant that references to Europe have dropped sharply. This month just 6 per cent regarded Europe as among the most important issues.

Ashdown 'Budget' calls for 3p tax rise

BY ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

PEOPLE earning more than £25,200 a year should pay an extra 3p in the £1 on income tax, say the Liberal Democrats.

As opposition parties yesterday put forward proposals for next week's Budget, Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, unveiled his plans for increasing taxes. The revenue raised, he said, would be used to fund a job and education expansion scheme.

His proposals are in stark contrast to those of John Smith, the Labour leader, who said on Radio 2's Jimmy Young programme yesterday that Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, should not increase taxes in his Budget. "You want to get people back to work. The important thing is to get the economy reviving again," he said. "The best way to raise revenue is to close tax loopholes. That is a much fairer way of raising revenue than putting up VAT and National Insurance."

Alan Beith, the Liberal Democrat Treasury spokesman, dismissed Labour's alternative. "It is no use Labour pretending that they can increase jobs without any extra money raised by taxation," he said. Tax increases were preferable to cuts in capital spending. "You cannot get rid of such a huge borrowing deficit by making minor cuts as Kenneth Clarke proposes."

The Liberal Democrats' alternative Budget would raise the threshold at which higher rate tax becomes payable by £1,500 to £25,200, and add 3p to the higher rate of 40p in the pound. Personal allowances would be restricted to 25 per cent. Duties would be raised on tobacco. They also reiterate their commitment in the 1992 election manifesto to put a penny in the pound on the basic and higher rate of tax to improve education.

The increased revenue would be spent on a £8.3 billion package of proposals. Government plans to put VAT on fuel would be abandoned, although Liberal Democrat proposals for an energy tax would go ahead. The basic state pension would rise by £2 a week, child care facilities would be improved and they would restore income support to 16- and 17-year-olds.

There would be more investment in public transport, the health service, housing, the manufacturing industry and small businesses. This could create 600,000 new jobs, Mr Beith said.

The whips groan as rebel wins bill ballot

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

NICHOLAS Budgen, fervent Euro-sceptic and genial Tory maverick, revelled last night in his envied position as winner of the Commons private member's bill ballot.

Conservative business managers were less delighted. They prefer that MPs who win the chance to promote a bill adopt a piece of government legislation and steer it noiselessly through the Commons. That is a role unlikely to appeal to Mr Budgen, who has repeatedly repelled ministerial pleadings to step into line on key elements of government policy. Last night he kept whips guessing, smiling enigmatically when asked if he had plans to introduce the Maastricht treaty (repeal) bill, 1994.

Twenty MPs were selected out of the 425 who applied. The order in which names are plucked from the ballot box is crucial, with the first seven having a significant advantage.

Other MPs who won early opportunities to introduce new laws during a succession of Friday debates were undecided last night on their choice of bill. They will face intense lobbying in the coming days from party whips, lobbyists and pressure groups. Among the topics being bandied about Westminster were the banning of tobacco advertising, an end to fox hunting and energy conservation.

Alan Beith, the Liberal Democrat Treasury spokesman, came second in the ballot, followed by Kevin Barron, a Labour employment spokesman. The names of Tories David Lidington, Michael Jopling, a former cabinet minister, and Peter Atkinson followed out of the ballot box, along with Roger Berry, a Labour MP. The first seven will bring forward their bills between January 28 and March 11.

Hain defeat leaves left 'homeless'

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PETER Hain's departure from the executive of the soft-left Tribune group was a sad day for party democracy, Labour MPs said yesterday. On Wednesday night Mr Hain, MP for Neath, who has written several Tribune pamphlets opposing Gordon Brown's economic strategy, was defeated in the Tribune elections by Janet Anderson, MP for Rossendale and Darwen.

Clare Short, MP for Birmingham, Ladywood, said the move to oust Mr Hain amounted to "a sad day for democracy". She claimed the soft left was now "homeless".

MPs on the party's left were openly blaming the defeat on a concerted campaign by Labour's modernisers, particularly Mr Brown, the shadow Chancellor, and Peter Mandelson, MP for Hartlepool, to court votes for Mrs Anderson.

While John Smith has made it clear that he welcomes wide debate, the economic team is said to be have been incensed by Mr Hain's attempts to undermine their policy statements by calling for much more radical ideas.

The week in Parliament

MPs break for the Christmas recess on Friday, December 17 and return on Tuesday, January 11. The main business in Parliament in the next week is expected to be:

House of Commons

Today: (9.30): Debate on education and training.

Monday: Sunday trading bill, second reading.

Tuesday: Budget.

Wednesday, Thursday: Debate on the Budget.

Friday: Motion for the Christmas recess.

House of Lords

Monday: Motion on ministerial salaries.

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Kohl suffers blow as his presidential choice quits

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

STEFFEN Heitmann yesterday withdrew from Germany's presidential race in the wake of a barrage of popular and party criticism of his outspoken comments on foreigners, the Nazi past and the role of women.

The move was a serious blow to the prestige of Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, who had imposed the controversial candidature of the 49-year-old justice minister of Saxony on his Christian Democratic Union. Yesterday Herr Kohl expressed deep disappointment over Herr Heitmann's withdrawal, but the word from his office was that he is *still insisting that, as a symbol* of national unity, the CDU should put up a candidate from the east of the country.

Herr Heitmann, announcing his withdrawal in his native Dresden, suggested that the ideal replacement would be Richard Schröder, a fellow east German theologian. That suggestion was probably a tactical diversion, since Dr Schröder is a Social Democrat and the SPD already has a candidate, Johannes Rau, the venerable prime minister of North Rhine-Westphalia. Herr Rau's candidature has been enthusiastically confirmed by a full congress of the SPD and it would be very difficult in the circumstances for him to step down.

The only other candidate in the offing for the Christian Democrats is Professor Roman Herzog, the constitutional judge. He is from western Germany, is a liberal conservative and seems to be acceptable to much of the CDU as well as to the Christian Social Union, its Bavarian sister party. But for Professor Herzog to enter the fray the chancellor would have to rethink his position that his party's candidate must be drawn from east Germany.

Above all, the chancellor has to find a way to emerge from this rather messy contest without further loss of face. The election, by deputies from both chambers of the Bundestag, is not due until May, but it sends important signals for a year which will also see national, local and European elections. If, for example, the chancellor were to accept a Social Democrat as president, it could mean that the Christian Democrats were thinking of sharing power with the Social Democrats after the October general election.

The chancellor originally chose Herr Heitmann because his traditionalist views married well with the CDU's election platform. Herr Heitmann is against liberal abortion rules, believes that motherhood should earn greater social respect, says that Germany's wartime history should no longer be a serious limiting factor on the country's foreign policy, and argues that the fears of ordinary Germans about immigration should be addressed.

Herr Kohl's shift to the right is supposed to scoop up support that might have drifted to the extreme-right Republican Party and mobilise the large number of Germans disillusioned with politics. He will have to find a new candidate quickly. Opinion polls show that his rival, Rudolf Scharping, the Social Democratic leader, is well ahead in the popularity stakes.

According to the Infas Institute, almost 52 per cent of Germans would vote for Herr Scharping as chancellor if elections for the office were to be held this Sunday. That is a gain of 6 per cent over October. Herr Kohl, by contrast, has dropped by 2 per cent and commands the support of only 36 per cent of the German electorate.



Steffen Heitmann, the controversial right-wing politician from east Germany, explaining to a Dresden press conference yesterday that he was withdrawing as a presidential candidate because of criticism of his views

Chancellor's mind goes a-wandering

■ Britain and Germany agree on almost everything. Many Germans, however, still see the prime minister as the slave of Thatcherism

BY ROGER BOYES

There was no time to tuck in to a proper banquet yesterday and so Helmut Kohl was a little grumpy and preoccupied as the annual Anglo-German summit began in Bonn. Still, he found the energy to greet "my dear friend John", and after a few hours' busy talk was able to shrug off the not-so-distant memories of Baroness Thatcher.

The German chancellor's candidate for head of state, Steffen Heitmann, a diffident, leaden-tongued east German, had just announced his withdrawal from the presidential race. Throughout the afternoon of talks with the prime minister, little notes were passed to the worried German leader.

It was plainly difficult for him to concentrate on the Gatt talks' deadline (December 15), the European Council session (December 10) or the Nato summit (January 10), but in truth there was no need: Britain and Germany are in the unique postwar situation of being in agreement on almost everything.

Journalists hunted in vain for big flare-ups, but *although there were frictions* — above all about steel — the fire was missing. And so, of course, was the handbag. "At least with Mrs Thatcher you had the up-and-down excitement of a seesaw," a senior German official said. "Nowadays you feel as if you are on a conveyor belt of ministerial exchanges."

Lady Thatcher's other sparring partners have long since made their peace. Russian cartoonists no longer depict the former prime minister as a witch astride a cruise missile. President Mitterrand, who once found traces of Caligula and Marilyn Monroe in Lady Thatcher's features, was not even upset about being described as two-faced in her memoirs. But Herr Kohl still smarts from the many humiliating summits, the attempt to block unification, her dismissive tone in the memoirs. None of this would matter much if it were not for the fact that the chancellor has a lingering suspicion that Lady Thatcher's policy on Germany is exactly the same as Mr Major's. That suspicion may explain the rather downbeat tone of the meeting yesterday.

There was broad agreement not only between the leaders but also between the many cabinet ministers — foreign, defence, trade — who talked away the afternoon. They agreed that the US should be kept deeply involved in Europe and that the Nato summit should not be fumbled. They were in step on the European Council session, which they declared must not be bogged down with the problems of Europe's troublesome farming lobbies. They agreed on the philosophy: a more pragmatic, instrumental approach to the European Union is favoured by both countries. They also agreed that everything possible should be done to meet the December 15 deadline for *the Gatt talks. On all those* points, fundamental to the future shape of the West, there is no Franco-German consensus.

In theory then, the slack in the Franco-German relationship could be taken up by a more *dynamic Anglo-German relationship*. In practice, yesterday's summit turned out to be a rather tired, preoccupied affair. So what is going wrong? From the German point of view, Mr Major has not lived up to the promise of his 1991 "heart of Europe" speech.

German press criticism of Mr Major is unusually harsh: he is in power, but has no power, an influential weekly said the other day. Some in the German establishment see Mr Major as a captive of the Thatcher world view. Others say there can be no Thatcherism without Thatcher, just as Gaullism was impossible without De Gaulle. "He has simply been too drained by the Maastricht marathon," one German analyst said.

From the British point of view, the obstacle to a new alliance in Bonn might be the chancellor, Herr Kohl, himself. His image of Britain has all too plainly been shaped by his contact with Lady Thatcher.

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A prototype of the increasingly expensive Eurofighter

Eurofighter hits more political turbulence

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

EUROFIGHTER, the four-nation combat aircraft which is costing British taxpayers £13 billion, faces a new hurdle, after Germany's national audit office urged Bonn to buy fewer planes and purchase cheaper MiG29s from Russia.

The Eurofighter project, which remains a controversial political issue in Germany, was discussed in Bonn yesterday between Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, and Volker Rühe, his German counterpart.

A letter from the audit office to Herr Rühe warned that "the development of Eurofighter is currently in an extremely critical stage".

The Eurofighter's maiden flight has been delayed until next April, supposedly because of difficulties in integrating the avionics software. Further tests were demanded. However, there are also suggestions that Germany has been anxious to delay the inaugural flight for political reasons.

Mr Rifkind is known to be anxious to get a guarantee from Herr Rühe that next April's inaugural flight will go ahead as planned. The present delay has already put up the price of the development costs.

Today, the Eurofighter consortium of aerospace industries from Britain, Germany, Spain and Italy is expected to make a formal request for more money. Although the figure will be less than £200 million, small by comparison with the overall cost, the rise will provide *further ammunition* for the plane's political opponents.

The German audit office said that ordering Russian planes could enable Bonn to cut its preliminary order of Eurofighters to 100 and delay procurement until 2005. The aircraft were supposed to enter service with the Luftwaffe in 2002. The Luftwaffe already has a squadron of 24 MiG29s taken over from the former East German air force.

The audit office said cost overruns, delays and the expected performance of a lower-budget version of the Eurofighter for Germany *raised question* marks about the programme.

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France wants a leading role in revamped Nato

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

■ Independence has long been the watchword from the Left Bank bunker. Now a new strategy looks likely to edge France towards greater co-operation with old allies

IN A map-lined bunker deep under the Left Bank, military men and women scan computer screens, flashing commands from the general staff headquarters to France's far-flung armed forces. For years, absolute independence has been the watchword of the political masters sending the orders from their elegant mansions upstairs, but this could be changing as France shows signs of returning to the fold of a revamped Nato.

"Nothing serious can be done on the ground in Europe without the participation of French forces," a senior officer said yesterday. He was reflecting on the biggest revision of French defence doctrine since General de Gaulle pulled the country out of the Nato military command in 1966.

The new strategy, sketched in the first defence white paper since 1972, will bring France into closer co-operation with Nato while also promoting European security based on the Western European Union (WEU). France wants its new thinking to weigh heavily in the Nato summit in January, where it may rejoin the alliance's policy-planning bodies.

The white paper, which François Léotard, the defence minister, will put to Edouard Balladur, the prime minister, before Christmas, will separate the French nuclear deterrent from the conventional forces. It will define the threats faced by France after the collapse of the Soviet Union.

France is much less keen than Britain and the United States to see the nations of East Europe taken into partnership with Nato. This could affront Russia's need for a zone of security, senior officers say.

Instead of a Nato link, France wants the former East bloc to strengthen its security from economic and political co-operation with the European Union. France sees confrontation between Russia and Ukraine as the biggest likely threat to European stability. French ministers and commanders say Europe must modify Nato to recognise the psychological and physical withdrawal of the United States from the region.

France had shed its "taboos" over military partnership, the senior officer said. "We are ready to participate provided we are not put in front of ready-made decisions from our American friends."

An American presence in Europe is still vital, say the French, but the end of the Cold War means the United States and Western Europe no longer share identical interests over European security. The failure of Nato to get to grips with the Yugoslav crisis demonstrated the "bankruptcy" of existing structures.

M Léotard, while eager for



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greater French involvement in Nato, says there is no question of returning to the integrated military command.

Alain Juppé, the foreign minister, said the transformation of Nato to the new conditions required making the command structure more flexible and bringing other nations into joint operations. He also suggested that Nato military forces be put at the disposal of the WEU with the European body being given power to deal with issues now tackled by Nato. However, he said, the old role of the Atlantic alliance was not obsolete "given the continuing instability" of the countries of the former Soviet Union.

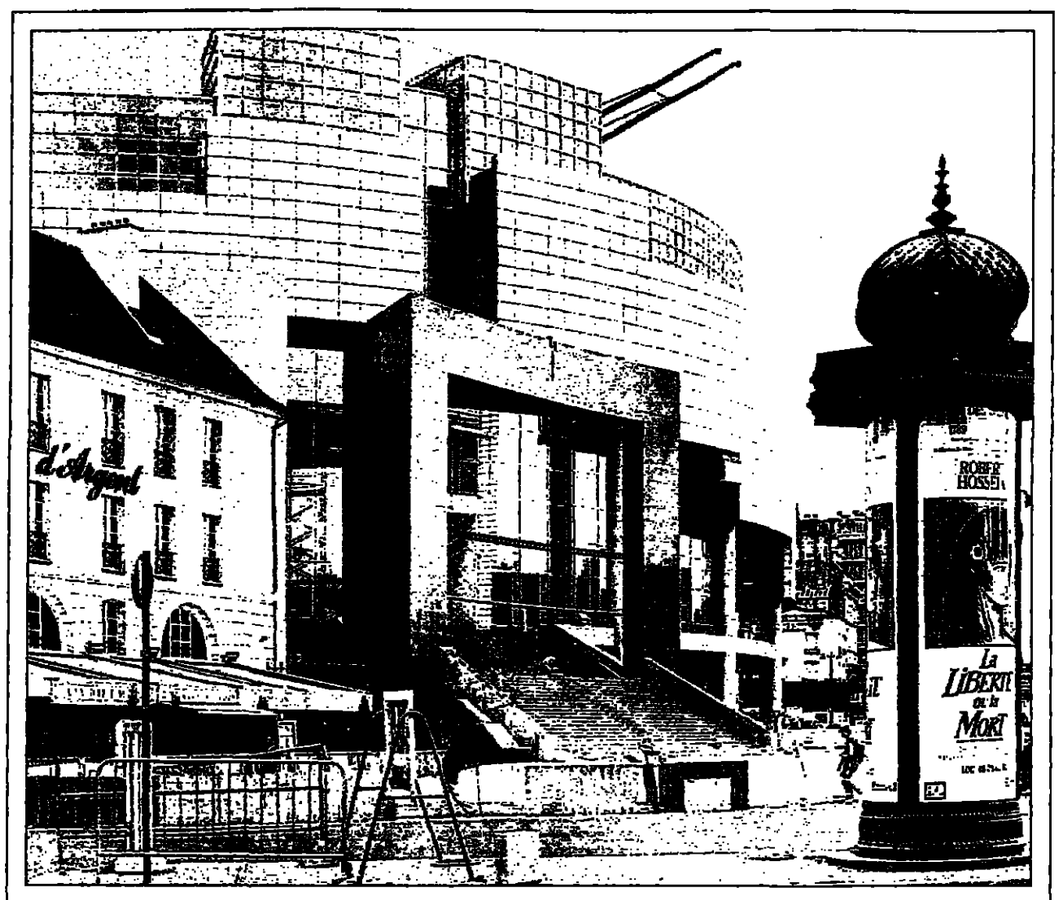
French political and military leaders clearly believe the end of the US-Soviet stalemate gives France new scope for exercising influence as a great European military power. Alone among big Western nations, France has raised its military budget next year by 3.6 per cent, and there is public support for maintaining a global military reach.

"The forces have never enjoyed such popularity," said a senior officer. France is the biggest contributor to United Nations peacekeeping forces and takes pride in what it sees as its leading role in bringing relief to former Yugoslavia.

More active French involvement in European security brings increasing risks of friction with Britain and the United States. French leaders are disappointed by the British decision last month to abandon the project to develop a new air-launced nuclear missile. The project was needed to help spread the costs of France's expensive policy of developing its own weapons and equipment. Most of all, the British withdrawal confirmed French suspicions over the lack of British enthusiasm for the WEU and other purely European projects such as the Eurocorps, the 40,000-man force launched by France, Germany and Belgium this month. "Britain is not really in favour of the WEU at all," the senior French officer noted.

While Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, points to the joint project for a frigate and other continuing Franco-British schemes, British officials in Paris say the missile decision has put a heavy damper on what was a warming military relationship.

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France's Gaullist government yesterday poured derision on the Opéra de la Bastille, above, one of President Mitterrand's most cherished but trouble-hit creations (Charles Bremner writes). Jacques Toubon, the culture minister, announced plans to relaunch the elephantine edifice under new management and to bring opera back to the Palais Garnier, the grand Victorian pile in central Paris which the Socialist president has made a ballet-only venue. "Today marks a new start for the Paris opera," said M Toubon, a party heavyweight whose qualifications for his job are still regarded with deep suspicion by the Paris thinking classes. The Opéra coup is his first bold move since stepping into the shoes of Jack Lang, a popular minister who remains in the eyes of many France's "Monsieur Culture". The Bastille, a post-modern symphony in glass, was the least successful of M Mitterrand's great projects of the 1980s. Opened as a "people's opera" for the 1989 bicentenary of the revolution, it has been bruised by management feuding, strikes and artistic and architectural ridicule. Last week a technicians' strike halted the opening of a new *Madame Butterfly*.

Paris pushes US on world trade deal

BY CHARLES BREMNER

FRANCE sought yesterday to push the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade talks closer to the brink, saying that the seven-year effort could collapse within days if the there was no concession from America on the issues that Paris sees as blocking a deal.

In a tone at odds with the optimistic remarks from the negotiators, French leaders said the talks between Mickey Kantor, the American trade representative, and Sir Leon Brittan, the European commissioner for foreign trade, continued to be in an impasse over farm trade, cultural goods and other matters.

Alain Juppé, the foreign minister, said the outline of a treaty must be produced before a European ministerial meeting on December 2. "If we cannot examine a 'pre-accord' on December 2 we will not be able to conclude negotiations by December 15," he said, referring to the American-imposed deadline, which France rejects. A Kantor-Brittan meeting on December 1 would be the world's "next-to-last chance", M Juppé said. His comments came after a decision by Edouard Balladur, the prime minister, to submit a draft treaty to parliament. That means there could be no question of negotiating until the last minute. It also gives the government a further means of extracting concessions from America. There was confusion, however, over whether the government would require parliament, which is heavily dominated by Gaullists and conservatives, to vote for an accord. Given the public hostility towards Gatt, parliament might reject an agreement against the wishes of the government.

A vote would make political sense for M Balladur, however, enabling him to spread responsibility for one of the most explosive political decisions faced by any French leader for years. The future of his leadership depends on how he weathers the outcry that is inevitable from one or other side.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Laughter disrupts Biehl trial

Cape Town: Supporters of three youths accused of killing US exchange student Amy Biehl laughed and giggled as a court heard yesterday how the 26-year-old groaned in agony after being stabbed and stoned. Laughter came as Matsatsi Maceba, a passenger in the car with Biehl on August 25, said: "I had to help her up and she was groaning in pain."

She identified one of the accused, Mongesi Manqina, 21, whom she last saw running armed with a knife in Biehl's direction. Two other youths charged are Mzikhona Nofomela and Vusumzi Ntamo, both 22. All three have pleaded not guilty. *(Reuter)*

Belgians strike

Brussels: Belgium will shut down today as unions join forces to close transport services, banks, shops and schools in protest at a government austerity package.

Italians killed

Rome: Two Italian peacekeepers were killed in Mozambique when their aircraft crashed, AGI news agency said. There was no immediate reason for the crash. *(Reuter)*

Sikh shot dead

Delhi: Indian forces shot dead Satnam Singh Chinna, head of the Bhindranwale Tiger Force of Khalistan, one of the last rebels still fighting for Sikh independence. *(Reuter)*

Students jailed

Manila: A Philippines court gave 26 students a maximum of 14 years in jail for the death of a law student after a brutal initiation rite that outraged the nation. *(Reuter)*

General loses

Berlin: An appeals court upheld the 22-month jail term of an 81-year-old second world war general whose pamphlets claimed the Holocaust was a Jewish fabrication. *(AP)*

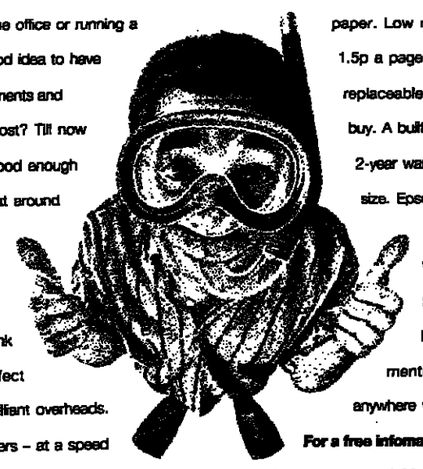
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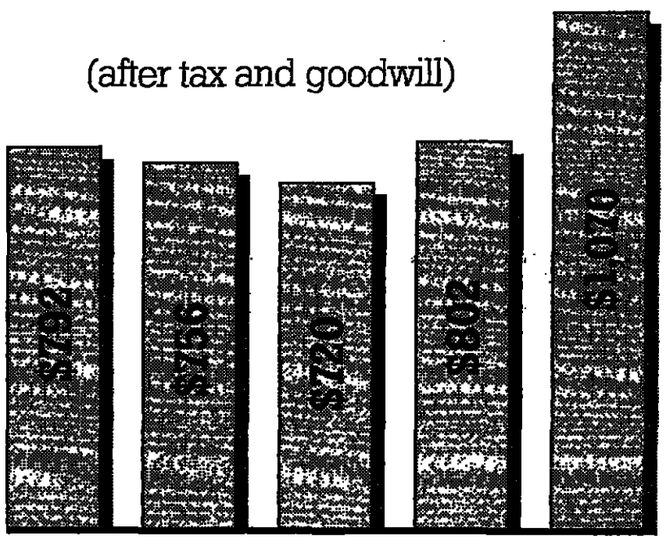
Since the merger the National has embarked on an expansion strategy to increase shareholders' value by diversifying its income streams and substantially increasing the depth of its customer base. This strategy has focused on acquiring quality regional banks with substantial franchises operating in jurisdictions which have business and banking practices similar to Australia. Five key markets have been identified: Australia, New Zealand, U.K., Ireland and U.S.

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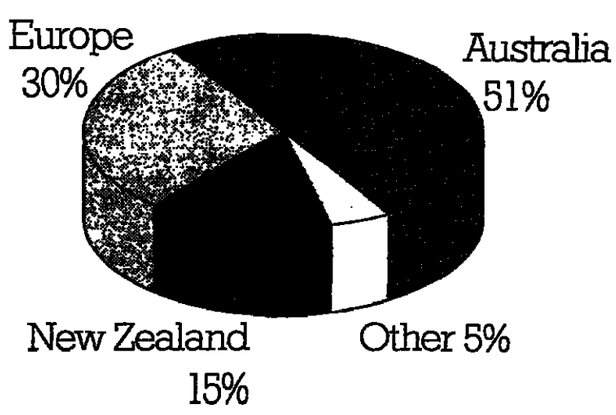
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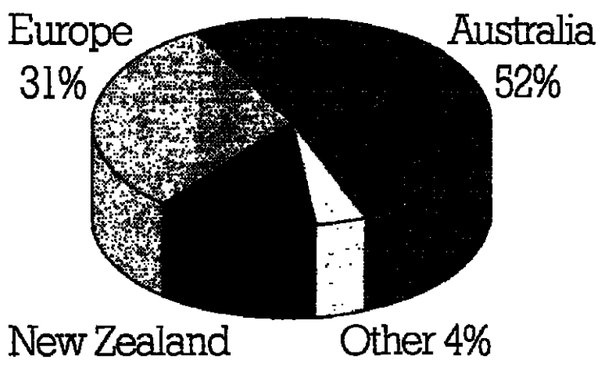


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Assets - 1993



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Key Financial Performance Ratios

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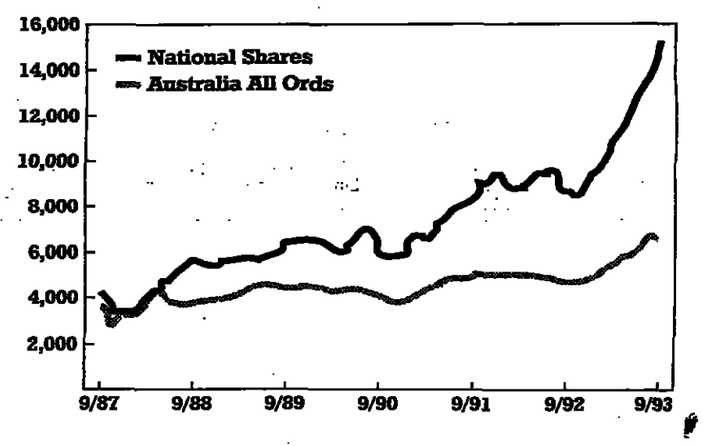
2. Return on Equity: 12.5%

3. Tier 1 Capital Position: 7.7%

4. Cost/Income Ratio: 55.8%*
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Repentant America cuddles up to Europe

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

■ The Clinton administration has been quick to try to patch up its Gatt quarrel with Europe. But the European Union's new peace initiative in Bosnia could become a bone of contention

AFTER spending much of last week bashing its European allies, the Clinton administration is now striving to placate them in what *The New York Times* yesterday called "the diplomatic equivalent of sending roses after a spat".

Prior to next week's European tour by Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, successive administration officials are being wheeled out to argue that, despite disputes over Bosnia and Gatt and Washington's new courtship of East Asia's booming economies, Europe remains America's first love.

Mike McCurry, the State Department spokesman, on Wednesday quoted a nursery rhyme to explain America's apparent forsaking of Europe for Asia: "Make new friends and keep the old: one is silver, the other is gold."

Another senior administration official emphasised Europe's pivotal role in the administration's three top strategic priorities — promoting global economic growth, enhancing democracy and reform in the former Soviet Union, and developing a new post-Cold War role for Nato.

He noted that Western Europe accounted for 60 per cent of the overseas profits of US firms, half their overseas investments, and 65 per cent of all foreign investment in the US — far outstripping Asia in each case. He also pointed out that President Clinton, whose overseas visits to date consist of one to Japan and one to South Korea, will be visiting Europe three times by July next year — for the Nato summit in January, the D-Day fiftieth anniversary commemorations in June, and the Naples summit of the Group of Seven in July.

This was "potent evidence that the relationship between the US and Europe is as vigorous and as fundamental to our mutual prosperity and security as ever", the official said. He gave a warning nevertheless that the US still expects the European Community to make the concessions required to complete Gatt's Uruguay Round by the December 15 deadline, saying: "There will be no December 16 for the Gatt negotiations."

Mr Christopher goes to Rome on Tuesday for a ministerial meeting of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe where he will seek to strengthen its preventative diplomacy and crisis management capabilities. He then spends three days in Brussels trying to resolve the Gatt dispute and promote America's "Partnership for Peace" plan, offering East European nations greater military involvement in Nato but not yet membership.

Bosnia will also be high on the agenda. The administration has yet to pronounce on the latest European Union peace initiative. It is believed to be unenthusiastic, but knows a deepening of the Bosnian crisis could wreck January's Nato summit. On Friday Mr Christopher flies to Israel to try to advance the Middle East peace process.

☐ The State Department has warned US embassies and citizens around the world to be on the alert for possible "terrorist or mob action" against them after Mr Clinton's highly symbolic White House meeting with Salman Rushdie, author of *The Satanic Verses*.

Libya hints at warmer ties with US

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

MUAMMAR Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, reinforced yesterday his reputation for unpredictability by ordering Libya's official media to halt attacks on President Clinton.

The instruction, reported by Jana, the official news agency, was seen in diplomatic circles as an attempt to try to prevent the United States continuing to campaign for a full oil embargo if Libya does not surrender the two Lockerbie bombing suspects.

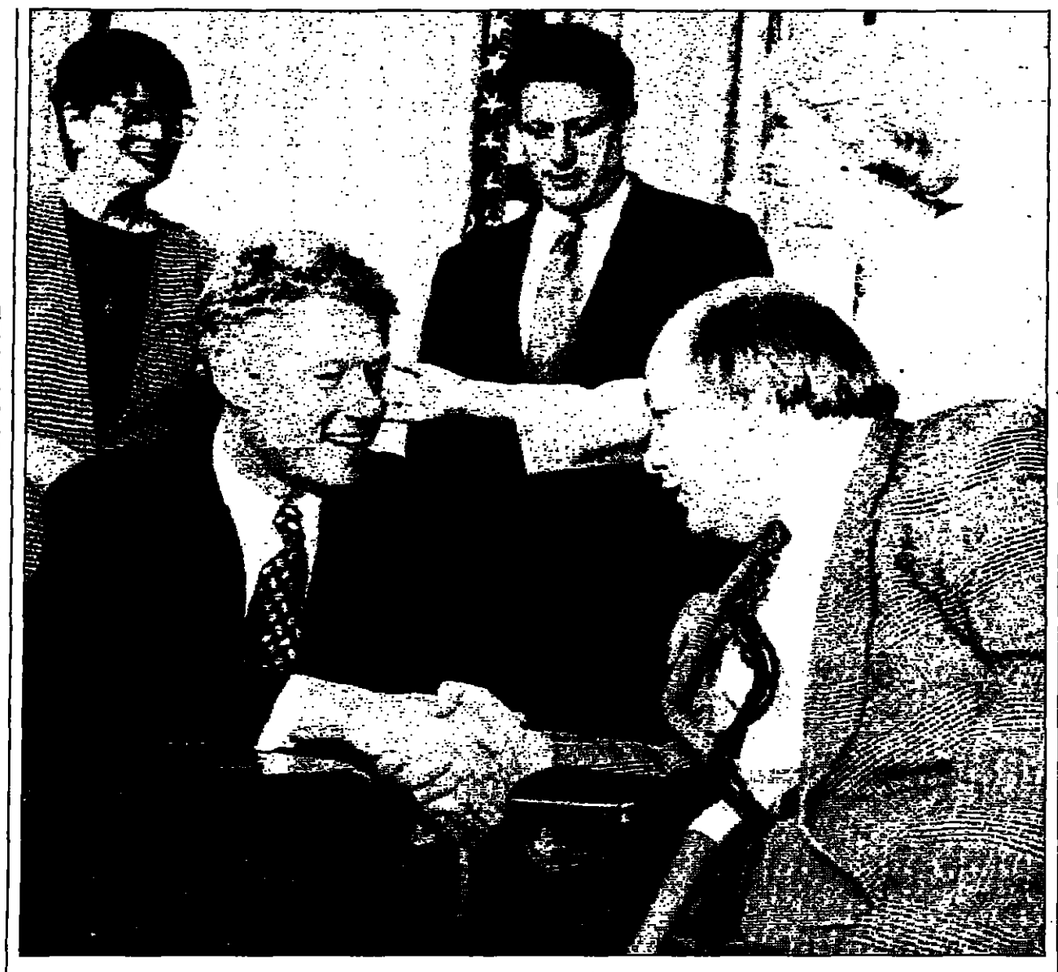
Extra United Nations sanctions are due to be imposed from Wednesday and many Libyans fear that if they are not successful they may be followed by a renewed American military strike, similar to that launched in 1986. The switch in policy came only weeks after Colonel Gaddafi was reported to have survived an attempted coup.

"I invite the Libyan media not to treat Clinton as it does [former US presidents] Reagan and Bush," Jana quoted Colonel Gaddafi as saying. "The Democratic camp is our friend and we should allow Clinton time so he can implement the independent Democratic policy which will inevitably be non-aggressive."

The order came after one of Jana's most bizarre attacks on the American president. On Tuesday the agency said it had evidence that Mr Clinton had rigged his election and threatened to reveal the evidence and create "a tremor in America" if Voice of America radio broadcasts continued to attack the Libyan leader. Jana said that it was responding to a Voice of America commentary that had treated Colonel Gaddafi like just another autocrat. It said that in fact the Libyan leader had no executive power.

Colonel Gaddafi's call came after a recent warning from President Clinton that he intended to pursue the Lockerbie case rigorously. On Wednesday the Libyan leader also called for the heads of Mr Reagan and of Baroness Thatcher, the former prime minister, for their roles in the 1986 raids on Tripoli. He equated the two former leaders with the two Libyans sought by the West for trial in either Scotland or the US.

Tripoli-based diplomats have noticed increasing signs of instability in Colonel Gaddafi's policies. Only recently he again threatened to set fire to his country's oil wells which supply 98 per cent of Libya's income rather than hand over the two Lockerbie suspects who are under house arrest in Tripoli.



President Clinton shakes hands with James Brady after the Senate approved controls on handguns, known as the "Brady bill" after the former White House press secretary who was badly injured in an assassination attempt on President Reagan in 1981. Republican senators gave up their opposition to the bill, which requires a five-day delay on buying handguns to allow background checks, on condition Democrats agree to a Republican proposal to modify it in Congress next year. George Mitchell, Senate Democratic leader, said the bill would be a significant step in fighting violent crime. "It is a wonderful Thanksgiving present for the American people," Mr Clinton said.

Teenage rebels make Manson a cult idol

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

BEARDED, mass-murdering cult leader Charles Manson is making a tidy profit from his jail cell since becoming the latest rebel-teen idol and T-shirt motif.

The newest fashion item on Californian beaches is a shirt featuring Manson's leering, pop-eyed face and the legend: "Charlie Don't Surf."

Manson was convicted of murdering actress Sharon Tate and six others in 1969. Earlier this year he signed a royalty agreement with T-shirt manufacturers, Zooport Riot Gear of Newport Beach, and receives 10 cents for every shirt sold. The line "Charlie Don't Surf" is a reference to the Vietcong in the 1979 film *Apocalypse Now*.

"It defies belief," said Stephen Kay, prosecutor in the Manson case. "The kids today don't know how bad Manson was. He's no folk hero. Anybody who really knows about his beliefs will burn the T-shirts as fast as they can."

Richard Lemmons, owner of the T-shirt company, has refused to say how much Manson has earned since the deal was signed. Manson's profits, he said, were "enough to buy smokes and cokes" as he serves out his life sentence.

Thousands of shirts costing $17 (about £11) each have been sold worldwide, thanks partly to Axl Rose, lead singer of the Guns 'N' Roses band, who has taken to sporting one of the shirts during his concerts.

"We did it as a joke," said Mr Lemmons. "I mean, Charlie don't surf; he's in prison."

Manson, 59, has entered the complex, evolving surf-talk of southern California. "You just Mansoned a great wave," explained Mr Lemmons, means "the surfer went crazy on a wave, did something radical".

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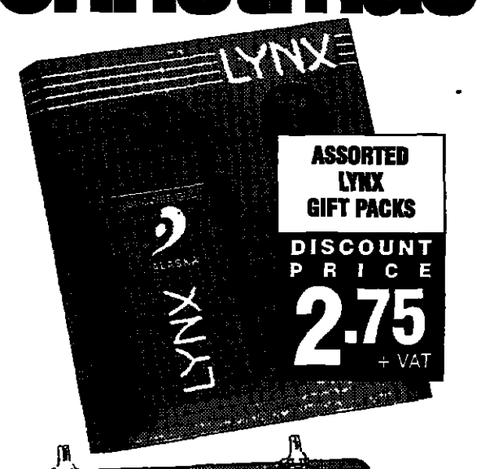
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Prime minister escapes Cairo blast

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

ATEF Sedki, the Egyptian prime minister, narrowly escaped assassination by Islamic militants yesterday. They detonated a car bomb close to his motorcade in the heavily guarded suburb of Heliopolis, where the presidential palace is situated.

The attack was a blow to the diplomatic offensive being waged to convince world opinion that the 18-month-old Islamic campaign to overthrow the government has passed its peak. Only last month President Mubarak said, during a visit to Washington, that Egypt was "much safer than any other place on Earth".

The explosion took place as Mr Sedki's armour-plated car was speeding past the booby-trap vehicle, parked 500 yards from his home. The interior ministry said a schoolgirl, 15, was killed in the blast and nine people were wounded, some of them seriously.

Witnesses said a pall of smoke hung over the scene of devastation, also located close to a primary school. Two cars were wrecked and six damaged by the blast, which blew out windows in the school. It came as the prime minister, aged 63 and in poor health, was being driven to his office.

To add to the government's embarrassment, the attack took place on the day that 400 members of the American Society of Travel Agents were opening a conference in Cairo "to prove to the whole world that Egypt is safe, stable and secure". Tourism has fallen by more than half because of terrorism by Islamic militants.

Within minutes of the blast, responsibility was claimed by the militant Jihad (holy war) group. The faction has been revived recently by veterans of the Afghan war after its near-destruction at the hands of the security forces in the wake of its assassination of President Sadat in 1981.

A statement sent to a Western news agency said that Jihad had detonated the bomb "to revenge the blood of the martyrs", a reference to the 16 militants executed in Egypt since last December. A total of 38 militants have been sentenced to death as part of Mr Mubarak's aim of crushing Islamic resistance.

"This operation is a sign of the lie of the regime when it claims to have finished the Jihad group," the statement added. "With the will of God, Jihad will rain blow upon blow on the regime, continuing on the path of holy war until Egypt is freed from American and Jewish occupation." Mr Sedki was unhurt and appeared in his office later. He condemned his attackers as wicked and promised that they would be caught. Mr Sedki has been prime minister since 1986 and was reappointed to the post last month despite widespread calls for his replacement. He is the butt of frequent political jokes, even in the state-controlled press, aimed at his alleged ineptness.

☐ **Algiers:** Algeria's ruling state council has suspended the executions of Islamic fundamentalists convicted of terrorism, an independent daily reported. The action is seen as an attempt to encourage a dialogue with the banned Islamic Salvation Front. *(AFP)*



Wrecked vehicles litter a Cairo street where a booby-trap bomb went off, killing a schoolgirl and injuring nine people

Clashes rock Gaza after Hamas death

■ The PLO-Israeli peace accord has been undermined by violent Palestinian protests, which have cast doubt on the PLO's ability to maintain law and order

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

ISRAELI security forces shot and injured 20 Palestinians in the Gaza Strip yesterday as the squalid coastal enclave erupted into the worst violence witnessed since the signing of the peace accord between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation ten weeks ago.

In scenes reminiscent of the bleakest episodes of the five-year intifada, thousands of young Palestinian activists set up roadblocks, burnt tyres and confronted Israeli troops at the start of a three-day period of mourning for a militant Muslim guerrilla leader killed by Israeli forces.

The violence in Gaza cast a fresh shadow over the peace agreement, which envisages handing the Strip to Palestinian self-rule within three weeks. Israeli and PLO officials, meeting a few miles down the Mediterranean coast in the Egyptian resort of El Arish, reported some progress in their negotiations, but there are serious doubts about the PLO's ability to maintain law and order while radical groups are flexing their muscles.

Yesterday about 5,000 fundamentalists formed an angry cortège through the streets of Gaza City, accompanying the coffin of Emad Akel, 24, the overall commander of the Izadin al-Qassam brigades, the armed wing of the Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas. Akel, who was on the top of Israel's list of wanted Palestinians, was shot dead on Wednesday by an Israeli undercover unit. He was responsible for killing 11 Israeli soldiers, a civilian and four fellow Arabs suspected of collaborating with the Israeli security forces and was nicknamed "The Ghost" by Gazans who revered his ability to elude capture.

Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, praised Israeli forces for killing Akel and said: "This is what will happen to all the murderers. Everything that hurts terror is a contribution to peace."

Nevertheless it was feared that the killing and the subsequent outbreak of demonstrations could get out of control in Gaza, where only a few weeks ago the population held festive street parties to celebrate the peace agreement. "I do not think we are going to see Hamas stop its activity. Maybe we will see some revenge," Ori Orr, chairman of the parliamentary foreign affairs and defence committee, said. "We are at war with Hamas."

As he spoke, Israeli security forces were put on alert throughout the West Bank and Gaza, fearing reprisals from dozens of hardcore Hamas fighters still at large. In a leaflet distributed in Gaza, the movement pledged to intensify its attacks against what it called "the soldiers of cowardice and herds of settlers".

The growing militancy in the occupied territories was also reflected on the West Bank, where a coalition of radical left-wing and fundamentalist Muslim candidates opposed to the peace deal won elections at the University of Bir Zeit. The vote for a student body at the most important Palestinian academic institution was regarded as a reflection of growing disillusion with Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, and his Fatah group.

Despite the upsurge in violence and the muscle-flexing by opponents of the peace agreement, Israeli and Palestinian negotiators reported progress in their talks in Egypt yesterday. Hassan Asfour, a member of the PLO delegation, said that the two sides had more or less reached agreement on civilian matters. However, in Cairo, Nabil Shaath, the Palestinian delegation leader, said that negotiations on key issues of land and security had still failed to resolve the issue of boundaries and of freedom for 10,000 Palestinian prisoners.



Akel: he was shot dead by Israeli soldiers

Mandela sells ANC to whites

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

NELSON Mandela, president of the African National Congress, yesterday took his election roadshow to the country's most heavily populated metropolitan area of Pretoria, Witwatersrand and Vereeniging, covering the mining, industrial and commercial heartland.

He complained to an audience of businessmen and college lecturers at the start of his four-day tour that white people still considered the ANC to be enemy number one, despite all that it had done for them. Among other things, he said, the ANC had arranged South Africa's re-entry to the world's capital markets and arranged an $850 million (£570 million) loan from the International Monetary Fund. He said the ANC had first persuaded the National Party into negotiations, and was still urging the right wing to continue talking.

Many of Mr Mandela's meetings this week will become what the ANC describes as "public forums" at which the leader will listen rather than talk. The aim is for him to absorb what the electors want from the ANC, which he proposes to reflect eventually in an election manifesto. After a similar procession through Natal last week, organisers reckoned that jobs, housing, education and health care were the unsurprising items at the top of a people's agenda.

In the meantime a dispute has blown up over a list of nominations put forward by the ANC as candidates in its campaign. The list includes a number of people not hitherto associated with the movement, such as Elana Meyer, the long-distance runner, Morné du Plessis, the former Springbok rugby player, and Pieter-Dirk Uys, a playwright and entertainer who, disguised as Evita Bezuidenhout, is South Africa's answer to Dame Edna Everage.

A number of them have already issued angry denials that they intend to enter politics, still less as candidates for the ANC. The vote-catching idea originated in the Western Cape, where the hierarchy took too literally the instruction that it could nominate candidates from outside the party membership. The brouhaha has led some commentators to suggest that it is not only the voters who need educating about elections.

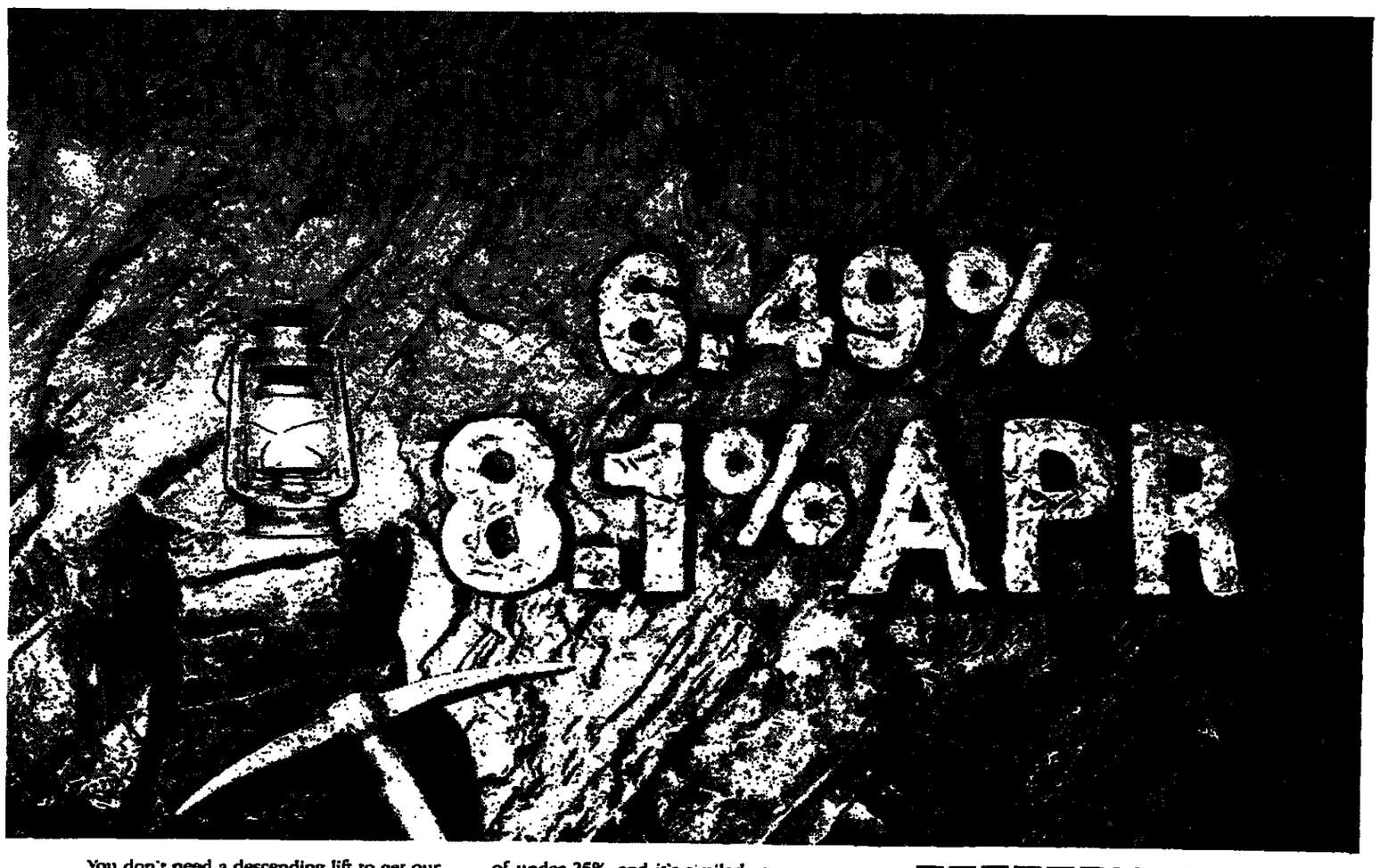
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Owen says Muslim state in Bosnia seems inevitable

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

■ Lord Owen has given a warning that if the three warring parties in Bosnia do not compromise in new talks, the United Nations might leave them to fight it out

A MUSLIM republic in the rump of Bosnia-Herzegovina is inevitable, because the Americans effectively killed off the Vance-Owen plan for a multi-ethnic state, Lord Owen, the European Union peace negotiator, said yesterday.

He also repeated his blunt warning that there were limits to the world's humanitarian aid. If the three warring parties did not compromise in a new round of talks, they would face either tougher sanctions or the withdrawal of United Nations forces, leaving them to fight it out.

He said Europe had nothing to fear from a Muslim state in its midst: Europe had been enriched by Islam and grievous things had been done to the Muslim people in Bosnia. "We owe them at least a safe and secure future as part of the European continent."

He was speaking as UN officials gave a warning that millions faced starvation in Bosnia this winter despite the restarting of aid convoys.

Lord Owen said that, under current peace proposals, Bosnia would be split into three ethnic areas. They had a choice whether to maintain a unitary state or split up, with Serb-controlled territory eventually joining Serbia and Croatian areas joining Croatia. The rump Muslim republic would have to have access to ports on the Sava river in the north and the Neretva river in the south, and a sliver of coastline as well as natural and defensible borders.

Delivering the English Speaking Union's annual Churchill lecture in Guildhall, London, Lord Owen regretted that three Vance-Owen plans had collapsed.

The Vance-Owen plan had been the last hope of reversing ethnic cleansing. Lord Owen felt personally ashamed that the latest plan would not do so, as he had been haunted during his months as a negotiator by one concern: the longer the war went on, the more people were killed and the more ethnic cleansing took place.

He said: "I make no apology for believing that ending the war is the first priority, even if the settlement terms are imperfect."

He blamed American reluctance to send troops to back the plan, especially as there would be casualties. "Body bag counts are still part of US public opinion's measure of whether their forces should or should not intervene."

He repeated his scepticism over the structure of negotiations, which gave the three parties each the power of veto. And he said that while the EU foreign ministers had insisted that humanitarian aid should be maintained this winter, there was no escaping the fact that if the war continued many thousands would die of hypothermia, illness and starvation. "We must also face up to the reality that food aid is feeding the armies of all sides," he added.

Lord Owen said he strongly supported the prosecution of Yugoslav war criminals.

☐ **Resign plea:** Milan Panic, the former Yugoslav prime minister, said yesterday that President Milosevic of Serbia must resign for the sake of peace in former Yugoslavia. Mr Panic said he wanted to help the fragmented opposition unite to win Serbian elections on December 19.



A detail of the Christ figure in the Sistine Chapel. His loincloth is original and will stay

Quick-change artists carry out a Sistine undercover job

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

RESTORERS will remove some of the 38 loincloths painted over nudes in Michelangelo's "Last Judgment" in the Sistine Chapel during the Counter-Reformation, Vatican officials said yesterday.

The elimination of the celestial underwear is part of plans to present the 1536-41 fresco before Easter in its original splendour, the officials added.

"There are rules that are going to be respected," said Fabrizio Mancinelli, director of restoration work in the chapel that has been under way since 1980. "If the loincloths are historically significant for us, they will not be eliminated. But," he added, "if they are merely dirty stains we will have no difficulty eliminating them."

Signor Mancinelli indicated that the ugly loincloth covering St Andrew would probably be removed, while those worn by St Peter and St John the Baptist would not be touched.

The restorers are expected to leave underwear painted by decree of the Council of Trent as part of the Counter-Reformation soon after the fresco was completed. That work was done by Daniel da Volterra, a highly regarded pupil of Buonarroti.

The experts did not consider removing the cloth covering Christ in the "Last Judgment", which they determined was painted by Buonarroti. They also decided that Michelangelo had himself included the blue cloth covering the shoulders and legs of the Madonna.

Loincloths to be removed will include some painted by less expert artists in the 17th and 18th centuries. "After the clean-up these underpants appeared too dark and inevitably draw attention to the sexual parts that they were meant to hide," the Italian news agency, Ansa, said.

Neo-Fascist chief shrugs off the blackshirt past

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

GIANCARLO Fini, Italy's yuppie neo-Fascist leader, denounces racists as "idiots", pours scorn on suggestions that he would contemplate a coup d'état, and claims that the Fascism of Benito Mussolini's era "now belongs to history".

"One of the polemics against me is that I want to kick all the gypsies out of Rome, and maybe that I want to reopen the gas chambers," he said in an interview with *The Times* in his office in a Renaissance palace, adding: "Today the leader of the gypsies thanked me because I want to set up fixed parking camps for them. I have no hesitation in defining racists as idiots."

Signor Fini, 41, secretary of the Italian Social Movement (MSI), and Alessandra Mussolini, 30, the Duce's granddaughter, startled Europe last weekend when they qualified for a run-off against left-wing candidates in mayoral elections in Rome and Naples. The chief rabbi and the Roman Catholic Church had urged Romans to stop Signor Fini and not to offend the memory of thousands of citizens killed in Nazi-Fascist massacres.

If Signor Fini is elected, the Pope is expected to have a meeting with him on December 8 at a traditional ceremony for the feast day of the Immaculate Conception held at the Spanish Steps. The Holy See said yesterday that such papal trips outside Vatican City, although previously suspended while the Pope was recovering from an operation for a dislocated shoulder, will now have to go ahead. But Signor Fini believes the church's opposition to him has been over-stated.

"The Catholic church is not worried, only some representatives strangely speak a language of division rather than pacification. And in the Jewish quarter, the so-called ghetto, I had around 25 per cent of Sunday's vote."

A tall, muscular man who plays fullback for Italy's parliamentary football team, Signor Fini strenuously denies that he has wooed thousands of the so-scalled Naziskins who paraded through Rome in October 1992 to celebrate the seventieth anniversary of Il Duce's march on the capital. "I don't want their votes and I have never asked for them," he claims.

Signor Fini smiles when asked how Fascist his movement is today. "It is obvious that, after 50 years, many things have changed . . . I hold that Fascism now belongs to history and must be judged only by history."

There is little on the surface of his programme that moderate right-wing politicians in any European country would disagree with. "Mama mia, how many problems there are in Rome. But the worst are unemployment and security in the city," he said. The MSI demands law and order, better armed police, fewer taxes for shopkeepers, patriotism and curbs on illegal immigration.

Neo-Fascists have organised three conspiracies against postwar Italian democracy, but Signor Fini laughs off suggestions that he would stage a putsch. "If there were a coup d'état in Italy I would be the first to go into prison. The role of the intelligence services in all the mysterious affairs in Italy until today has been established. They were faithful to the parties in power and not to institutions. My party was and is a force of opposition."

Franco Ferrarotti, Italy's leading sociologist, believes the decline of the Christian Democrats (DC) may turn the MSI into Italy's first conservative party. "In the past the DC attracted many Fascist sympathisers, especially in Rome and the South. But they would vote DC because voting Fascist was not very photogenic. Now there is nowhere for the DC voters who abandon the fold to go back to and we have these what you could call 'good-looking Fascists' like Fini. It seems that there is a new generation, like the granddaughter of Mussolini, that people have difficulty holding responsible for the past."

Signor Fini angrily rejects suggestions that he might ally with Umberto Bossi, the fiery Lombardy League leader. "The risk of division is a real risk, especially if institutions remain weak and discredited in the future. Bossi is not on the right or the left. He is simply confused."



Fini: claims 25 per cent of Jewish 'ghetto' vote

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The chief of MI6 has stepped out of the shadows. **Michael Evans** keeps watch

'Smiley' blinks in the light

It was a former head of the BND, the German equivalent of MI6, who came up with the memorable description of Britain's secret intelligence service as the "service which still wears soft shoes". Sir Colin McColl, chief of MI6, recalled the phrase when he emerged on Wednesday, for the first time, from his secret world to meet the press in a basement room inside the Foreign Office.

Sir Colin's appearance and that of his colleague Sir John Adye, director of GCHQ, the electronic eavesdropping centre outside Cheltenham, came as a total surprise to the waiting press — who had been expecting only Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, to brief them on the new *intelligence services* bill. Both men looked startled themselves, as if they had just stepped out from a dark cupboard into brilliant light.

This was a truly British occasion, the debut performance by the boss of the soft-shoe brigade, whose founder, Commander (later Captain Sir) Mansfield Cumming, had a wooden leg and propelled himself along the War Office corridors on a child's scooter. He lost his leg after crashing his father's Rolls-Royce into a tree on the road to Paris.

Sir Colin pleaded to be allowed to return to his world of secrecy, which he described as the hallmark of his trade. However, the all-enveloping shadows around MI6 have now been lifted. One of Sir Colin's new tasks — along with Sir John Adye and Stella Rimington, director-general of MI5 — will be to make regular visits to the Cabinet Office, where they will be questioned by MPs and peers chosen to fill the six places on the proposed parliamentary intelligence and security committee.

The new arrangement, undoubtedly, will also be a very British set-up, where six good men and true, trusted to function within "the ring of secrecy", will try to scrutinise the work of the three services, two of them not even officially acknowledged until recently.

Much has already emerged about these secret agencies since the new era of openness prised them from their closets. Three stars from the intelligence world have been born: Stella Rimington, who posed before the cameras when MI5 published a booklet explaining its operations in July; Pauline Neville-Jones, who was presented as chairman-elect of the Cabinet Office Joint Intelligence Committee; and now Sir Colin. With his soft voice and piercing eyes, he seemed the epitome of the British gentleman spy, a George Smiley with a sense of humour who could joke about still writing secret memos in green ink, a tradition begun by the scooter man, Cumming. Like Mrs Rimington, Sir Colin has his own dining room and his own lift to his office in the 19-storey Century House, near Waterloo, to be swapped for the designer "Ceausescu Towers" building at Vauxhall Bridge, MI6's new home from next year.

> A truly British occasion: a debut by the boss of the soft-shoe brigade

In many parts of the world MI6's presence — total staff, 2,000 — amounts to one man and a shoebox but in some areas officers and their agents are busier than ever "counter-tunnelling" (Hurd's phrase) against peddlers of terrorism, drugs and nuclear weapons.

One of the most positive outcomes of the demise of the Cold War is that the former enemy spies from East European countries such as Poland, Hungary and the Czech republic, once commanded by the feared KGB, now work alongside MI6 to defeat the same new threats. In Wednesday's seizure of a huge stock of arms for Belfast from a Polish port, Polish and British agents worked together co-ordinated by MI5.

The Russians, on the other hand, have hardly changed. Their spies abroad, now called the SVR, have slimmed in number from 15,000 to about 11,000. But they have not shared intelligence like their East European counterparts, although Yevgeni Primakov who runs the agency, speaks to senior MI6 officials.

Since it was formed in 1909, MI6 has gained a reputation as an organisation of highly talented gentlemen and ladies, with Daphne Park (now Baroness Park) recalling only this week on BBC1's *Panorama* espionage adventures in which she was engaged during her career as a spy. Some of the gentleman players broke the rules of the club, not least the traitors Burgess, Maclean, Philby, Blake and Blunt.

Sir Colin, now returned to his secret files and green ink, can rest reasonably assured that today's MI6 is not riddled with Russian spies. The first question Viktor Oschenko, the former KGB colonel, was asked last year when he defected to MI6 was: "Are we penetrated?" He shook his head.



Smiley (Alec Guinness), less camera-shy in the television spy series

Minors who murder

How America deals with its growing number of violent young criminals

Even in America, where violence by young children is becoming increasingly commonplace, the James Bulger case has met with horrified public reaction and massive television coverage. "We never thought England was like that," is the typical response. "We thought that only happened here."

Primary school children who commit adult crimes are a growing problem for America's courts. Last year, American children of nine and under committed four murders, but ten to 12-year-olds committed 30. According to the justice department, under tens also committed 1,104 aggravated assaults and 291 robberies. Then there is a category most people would not even think to ask about — rapes by boys under ten — which in 1992 reached 123 cases.

A Federal Bureau of Investigations spokesman, John Kundts, put down some of the increases to the trend for adults to use minors to commit "Fagin-style" burglaries and other crimes. Many states are now discussing whether these children should be charged as adults for their crimes.

In the behavioural science unit at the FBI Academy in Quantico (famed for its work on serial killers), a former prison psychologist, Alan Brantley, has been looking for patterns in the lives of child criminals. "The usual characteristics are that they have been abused in some way — usually physically or sexually. As we know, the abused tend to become abusers."

Another warning sign for those trying to spot potentially violent children is "maternal or paternal rejection, either being abandoned or put up for adoption". But even without direct abuse or rejection, Mr Brantley says, if children witness violence in the home, or grow up with violent role models, that influence can still be powerful.

For those, such as teachers and friends, who may not know the exact circumstances of a child's home life, there are still warning signs of impending violence. Cruelty to animals, bullying at school, temper tantrums, withdrawal from other children as friends and rejection of authority figures such as teachers, all indicate that something is badly wrong.

But a recent case in New York state, which eerily mirrors the abduction of James Bulger, shows that "warning" signs suddenly become much easier to spot *after* the attack. Eric Smith, a red-haired, bespectacled 13-year-old was arrested in the rural



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town of Savona in August for battering to death a four-year-old boy. Afterwards, acquaintances admitted that they had noticed Smith was slightly odd, but not enough to merit any action.

Certainly, Smith had an unhealthy obsession with Stephen King novels and other horror stories. He had put fruit in the car exhaust pipe of someone who he felt had been unkind to him, and, a few years earlier, an elderly neighbour had accused him of deliberately strangling his pet cat. A loner, Smith did small jobs helping adults, and liked to hang out at the counter of the local café listening to the customers.

Smith met the four-year-old boy who was walking across to the park, took him to a patch of undergrowth in woods 300 yards from the child's front door, and choked him, finally killing him by blows to the head.

Now Smith is in a youth detention centre awaiting trial. His lawyers are trying to have his case brought in the family court, which deals with most criminals under 16, since sentences are lighter than in adult courts. But because the charge is murder and Smith is over 12 years old, the prosecution could insist on trial in an adult court, where Smith could be publicly identified and given a life sentence.

But if he was ten or 11, like the boys in the Bulger case, and was arrested in New York State (policy varies in each state), he would be tried in the family court, which has closed records and would not be identified.

According to family judge Katherine McDonald, "ten-year-olds accused of murder here would be initially placed in a youth detention centre for 18 months, when their cases would come up for review. They would then be reviewed every year until they were 18-years-old."

William Baccaglini, of the state's youth detention division, says that initially it is likely that a child who has committed murder will be classed as a "restrictive juvenile delinquent" and placed in the most secure unit. "But even there, youngsters are in rooms as opposed to cells, and there would be education and counselling. We would try to modify the child's behaviour until it becomes as normal as possible."

Later, if the child showed progress in a secure unit, he or she would be gradually moved to areas with less security, and allowed books, posters and safe toys in the bedroom. Eventually, a child can be put into supervised community care.

The goal of the family court system is for children to lead new lives as adults. For this, the court records are sealed forever, and the result is described as a "finding", not a conviction. The criminal record is erased upon reaching adulthood.

As for rehabilitation, Mr Baccaglini says cryptically that no one is proud of the department's record on reoffending, but notes "the earlier you get a youngster, the easier it is to intervene".

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"An uncomfortable suspicion insinuates itself in my mind that humans are out of place here, that the mountains might split again at any moment and crush any intruder," writes Rosalyn Maqsood in her guide book of Petra, the ruined pre-Roman capital of the Nabataeans, to be published next March by Garnet.

Like most of the ancient Jordanian heritage, Petra receives only the most rudimentary protection, and seems far more part of the desert than of any human design. It is a city of temples and tombs, elaborate facades hewn straight from the rock.

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Rounding the corner: first sight of the rose-red city of Petra

The emerald of Arabia

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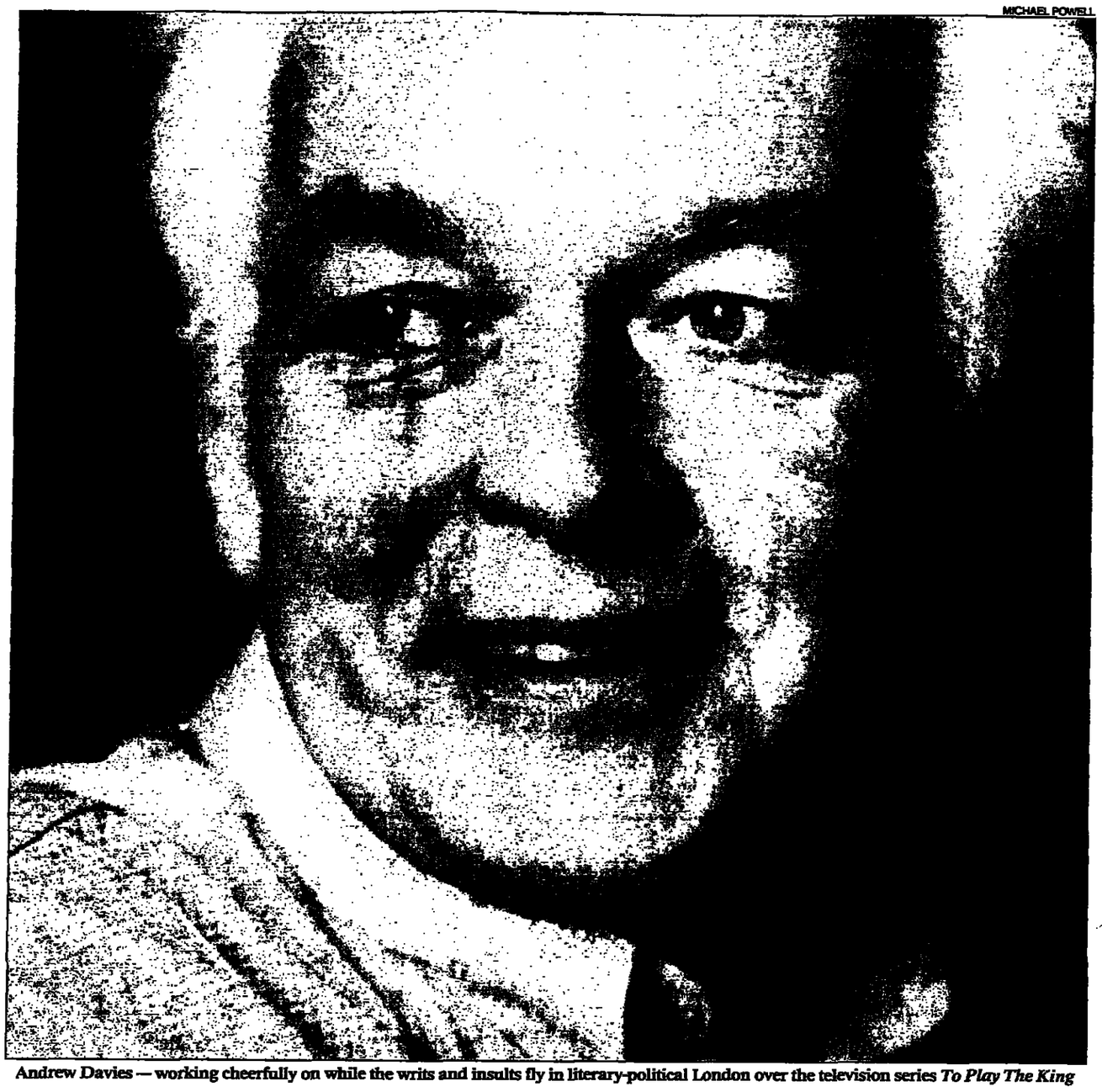
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'This is Richard III we are talking — Jacobean drama . . .'

Andrew Davies gives **Libby Purves** an author's insight into the monstrous Francis Urquhart, and defends his role in a royal row



MICHAEL POWELL

Andrew Davies — working cheerfully on while the writs and insults fly in literary-political London over the television series *To Play The King*

Up in the public spotlight the glittering contestants strut and fret: in the blue corner, Michael Dobbs, former Conservative aide ("The man", as his publishers like to say with reverence, "who was at Mrs Thatcher's side as she took her first step into Downing Street").

In the red corner, Melvyn Bragg, champion of taste, metaphorically throwing punches at Mr Dobbs for insulting the Prince of Wales by implication in his book *To Play The King*. (It has been a bestseller for more than a year, but has only just appeared on television so Mr Bragg can notice it.)

Back comes Mr Dobbs, countering with a writ for libel against Mr Bragg; in the background, various supporters chunter about monstrous pillories and lèse-majesté and BBC plots against the monarchy: rumours fly that the actor Ian Richardson has apologised to the palace; Mr Richardson writes to *The Times* saying no, he hasn't actually, and the former Bishop of Bath and Wells demands that the series be withdrawn.

All the while, none of them has much to do with it. Mr Dobbs's rather plodding airport novel, like *House of Cards* before it, was turned into a jewel of satire by quite another alchemist. Richardson's poisonous portrayal of Francis Urquhart, the murderous high Tory Machiavelli, has something to do with its magnetic appeal: but his words, much of his character, and a lot of the blacker, wilder moments of both plots, emanate from Andrew Davies, the screenwriter who adapted them. While the writs and insults fly in literary-political London, behind the scenes is a chuckling, white-haired former teacher-training lecturer who pours out screenplays, novels and multi-ethnic baby books from a makeshift study in his front room in Kenilworth, Warwickshire.

It is time Mr Davies came out of the shadows and owned up. We Name the Witty Man.

I found him on his way to a script conference about the BBC's new *Pride and Prejudice*. I can reveal exclusively that Mr Darcy gets his gear off (for purely artistic reasons).

On his forays to the capital, Mr Davies stays in a tiny flat full of posters and books testifying to his vast output: he adapted *Anglo-Saxon Attitudes* and *Middlemarch* for television, wrote *A Very Peculiar Practice*, and has a children's series running at the moment, in which to his great joy, the joke schoolmistress thundered: "This is a Back to Basics School!" two days after Mr Major launched the phrase.

These serendipitous bits of luck follow him around: who, for instance, could have known that Mr Heseltine would declare himself during the very week that *House of Cards* began the story of a post-Thatcher power struggle in the Tory party?

And who would have thought the tale of a thwarted new king would coincide with the real prince saying that people ignore him these days? Is Mr Davies in league with the devil, or what? When Francis Urquhart brutally sacked his environment secretary in the Number 10 gents lavatory last Sunday, Mr Gummer must have been momentarily worried.

Coming from a literary tradition, Mr Davies however, is not very interested in the *roman à clef*, preferring to inhabit a parallel universe where the question "what if?" can lead anywhere. This week's row caught him unprepared. "When you think of *A Question of Attribution*, or *Spitting Image* — I can't believe anyone could get into such a tizz," he says. "But it was very funny when Michael Dobbs got attacked by Melvyn, because what Dobbsy does is to take the credit for everything, even for scenes like the lavatory ones which I invented . . . "Well", he adds parenthetically, "you have to. Ian does these loo scenes so well. Then the moment Melvyn attacks, Dobbs says he never wrote that bit."

This is spoken with no particular malice: Mr Davies is such a collector of quirks and black ironies that he appears to get nothing but satisfaction from most human behaviours. That he and the former Thatcher aide come from different cultures is apparent in his account of the baffling conversations they have.

"I asked him once, 'Michael, why are all these people in your books so desperate for knighthoods?' And he said, 'Isn't everybody? Wouldn't you like one?' So I said, 'No, not particularly' — and he sighed, 'Oh, I would'. Our other difference is that Michael always makes his characters weaken and get more self-doubting — even Urquhart kills himself in *House of Cards*. Mine wouldn't. This is Richard III we're talking about. The head of serials at the BBC kept muttering to me, 'Think Jacobean drama'."

The two writers make an ideal team. Mr Dobbs genuinely has the inside knowledge to produce baroque incidents of political plot and counter-plot which no quiet, leftish, provincial academic would dare invent. "He's street-smart, I'm street-stupid. All I know about *realpolitik* is from the BBC and Shakespeare."

What Mr Davies can bring and Mr Dobbs cannot is the literary edge, the sharp dialogue, the wider sense of irony — the tragedian's world view.

"Urquhart looks over his shoulder as if you were a lobby correspondent, beckons you on, says, 'Let's have some fun' — and you get sackings, insults, plots, and it is fun. Then he says, 'We'll do something better, we'll have someone killed. What, you don't want to play any more?' — and you see how you've been lured further in than you meant to go . . ."

Both of us, at this point, fall suddenly silent, thinking of the week's news. It is surprising how quickly, with Mr Davies, you find yourself confronting the moral core of his work.

The changes he made to the original Dobbs plots repay closer scrutiny than they have yet had. In Dobbs's *House of Cards*, Mattie Storin, the journalist, was a fearless incorruptible girl reporter, exposed Urquhart without sleeping with him and had a faithful relationship with her deputy news editor. It was Mr Davies who invented her affair with Urquhart.

"In a screenplay, if you must have sex, it must be right on the spine of the story. I thought, oh he's old enough to be her father. Then I got the idea of her liking that and calling him 'Daddy'. It made another layer: Urquhart is the sort of politician who *is* just like an abusive father: he says trust me, I'll help you — then screws you."

In *To Play The King*, Mr Davies has gratefully taken the Dobbs idea of the conflict between a caring king and a hard-right government, and sharpened it. A divorced American girl pollster becomes English. "One of those frightfully clever highly educated, hard-right young women you get now."

Mrs Urquhart becomes Lady Macbeth, condoning her husband's murders and procuring him girlfriends. The king becomes more passionately intense because — and here is the irony of this week's row — Andrew Davies, an "inactive member of the Labour party", is on his side.

"I'm not a monarchist, although I do sometimes try to defend royalty. I used to like the way it symbolised and celebrated the nice things — a new baby, a kid's first day at school — but now it just celebrates the dysfunctional family. But what the Prince of Wales says about society, and my king character says, is what I believe. I like him. Of course, I did have a bit of fun."

The writer sighs, with reminiscent pleasure, drifting away from his moral core into the area of Grand Guignol. "Well, yes, and the palace gymnasium scenes. That got a bit out of hand. I wanted a gym to help me show him as a driven man. The director and designer thought it would be fun if we had a multi-gym set up in a ballroom. There's one glorious scene where he's lifting heavy weights and there's this great crash of metal with a wonderful tinkling echo around the chandeliers, and everyone sighs and says, 'Oh, he's at it again . . .'"

I suggest, at this point, that Mr Davies may owe much to Jacobean drama and all that, but has drawn inspiration also from his fabled addiction to the *Beano*. He roars with laughter. "You might think that. I couldn't possibly comment."

By the way, the "Has he sent out for anyone?" furore, in which Mr Bragg and others accused Mr Davies of suggesting that the Prince of Wales uses prostitutes, baffles him, too. "I honestly didn't mean that. I was playing with this strange business of being royal, where you can summon up people but have no ordinary casual social life. It might be an old girlfriend, for comfort; or Jonathon Porritt to talk over the environment. He might have sent out for Melvyn Bragg to discuss arts policy."

There has also been some confusion over the greedy, raddled "Princess Charlotte", whose story of her royal marriage is sold to a paper in the first episode.

"She isn't the king's wife at all. We should have made that clearer. The young queen appears in episode two, rather beautiful, living separately with her son, no scandal, kid gloves. Charlotte just represents the unacceptable face of royal behaviour in general."

I suggest a few names, and he gives a sphinx-like, Urquhart smile. "This is not faction, or a biopic. It is imagination."

The imperial eagle has landed again at the Kremlin

Russia's clash of symbols

AN eagle with two heads is bound to be a rather schizophrenic beast, and Russia's restored state symbol is no exception. The two heads, moreover, point in different directions. According to the official explanation, this is to symbolise Russia's simultaneous links to Europe and Asia — a permanent, and permanently schizophrenic feature of Russian history and culture.

The eagle brings to an end 76 years of the hammer and sickle. Due to opposition from the conservative former Russian parliament to abandoning the Soviet emblem, President Yeltsin was until this week still issuing decrees on paper stamped with the hammer and sickle and the words "Workers of the world unite!".

The double-headed eagle was the emblem of the Russian empire before the October revolution of 1917. Like the Austrian imperial emblem, its origins can be traced back to the symbol of the later Roman Empire.

As such, it was not an ancient ethnic Russian symbol at all. It entered Muscovy through marriage with a Byzantine princess in the 15th century, and was adopted as a sign of Moscow's inheritance of the East Roman Empire and the leadership of the Orthodox world, according to the questionable formula "Moscow is the third Rome, and a fourth there shall not be!".

The new symbol is not, however, exactly the same as the old one. Whereas the imperial double eagle was black on a gold background, today's newly hatched one has come out gold on a red background. According to the head of the drafting committee, this change was due to its "symbolically stronger qualities". Presumably, although this is not admitted, this change is meant to keep a reassuring touch of communist red.

An ingenious new official explanation has been found for the traditional three crowns over the eagle's heads. These are now meant to symbolise the three branches of the Russian constitution: the presidency, legislature and judiciary. The middle one of the three crowns is very much larger than the other two. In view of the rise in President Yeltsin's power over the past two months, there is not much doubt which branch of the state the biggest crown is meant to symbolise.



Russia's eagle — looking both ways

DOUBLE eagles will soon be perching once more on the Kremlin towers, from which they were pulled down in the 1920s to make room for the present huge red stars. Beneath their shadow, Lenin's mausoleum is already closed to the public, and Vladimir Ilyich himself will soon be resting beside his mother in a cemetery in St Petersburg — a gift the St Petersburg government is by no means anxious to receive.

Communist forces in Russia have raised a great lament over the abolition of Soviet symbols. With breathtaking hypocrisy, they have accused the reformers of employing "Bolshevik tactics" against "Russian historical monuments" on the pattern of communist destruction of churches in the 1920s. This argument does strike a chord in many older Russians, who lived their whole lives amid the Soviet symbols.

In general, when it comes to the war of symbols, the old communists are at a severe disadvantage. In the crowds which used to gather to defend the parliament against President Yeltsin, the people carrying red flags tended to be old and rather pathetic. The thuggish but dynamic younger anti-democratic elements were from new radical nationalist groups, and were themselves carrying flags with the double-headed eagle and other traditional Russian patriotic symbols.

THE reformers have on their side one Russian historical symbol of central historical power and importance. The massive moustacheoed features of Tsar Peter the Great are now to be seen all over the propaganda of Russia's Choice, the most radical reformist block.

Peter has also been adopted as a television advertising image by a whole range of Russian banks, investment funds and other companies. A clip from an old film showing Peter exalting his troops to fight for Russia is used to encourage people to take part in the privatisation process. Company slogans claim that they are not just enriching themselves, but like Peter, are helping to transform and improve Russia.

Their use of Peter as a symbol is entirely appropriate for Russia's reformers. Like him, the "Westernisers" of today are committed to a radical reform of Russia along basically Western lines. The danger is that, like him, they may be quite prepared to do this by autocratic means. The double-headed eagle, ancient symbol of Russian autocracy, will look on such a development with indifference.

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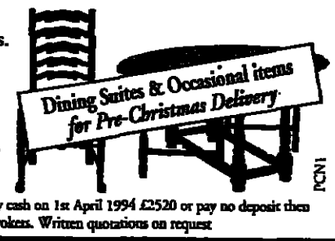
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■ What's in a name? The sweetest thing is to call people what they choose to be called

It is prudent practice to call people what they want to be called, short of festooning them with bogus titles. We may giggle at Americans who have such immodest first names as King or Jesus, or at "Duke" Hussey. But their names are their affair and their parents' fault. The same rule applies to nations, dammit. Ceylon is the old English name for the green, elephant-trampled island, easier for English-speakers to pronounce than Sri Lanka, and framed in literature by Bishop Heber's lines: "What though the spicy breezes/ Blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle...". Reginald (splendid but now unfashionable name) Heber changed "Ceylon's" to "Java's" to stop children singing "sea-lion" instead of "Ceylon". But his first version stuck. We now say Sri Lanka. Fifty years from now, the island in the hymn will be as mysterious as Atlantis.

Burma is easier, at any rate for crude Anglo-Saxon tongues, than Pyeidaungzu Myanma Naingngandaw. But I dare say that we shall eventually get our tongues around the new union of Myanmar, as well as all the other tongue-torturing names in the onomastic revolution that has accompanied the revolution in the old Soviet Union.

Argentina is another country with which we have difficulties of nomenclature (of which we are happily unaware), partly as debris from the Falklands (Malvinas) engagement 11 years ago. At the best of times, the English are bad at pronouncing Spanish. "He had a lot of stocks and shares, and half a street in Buenos Aires. But this pronunciation varies, some people call it Bu-enos Airés." But during the Falklands campaign, the British media waged a parallel campaign against the "Argies".

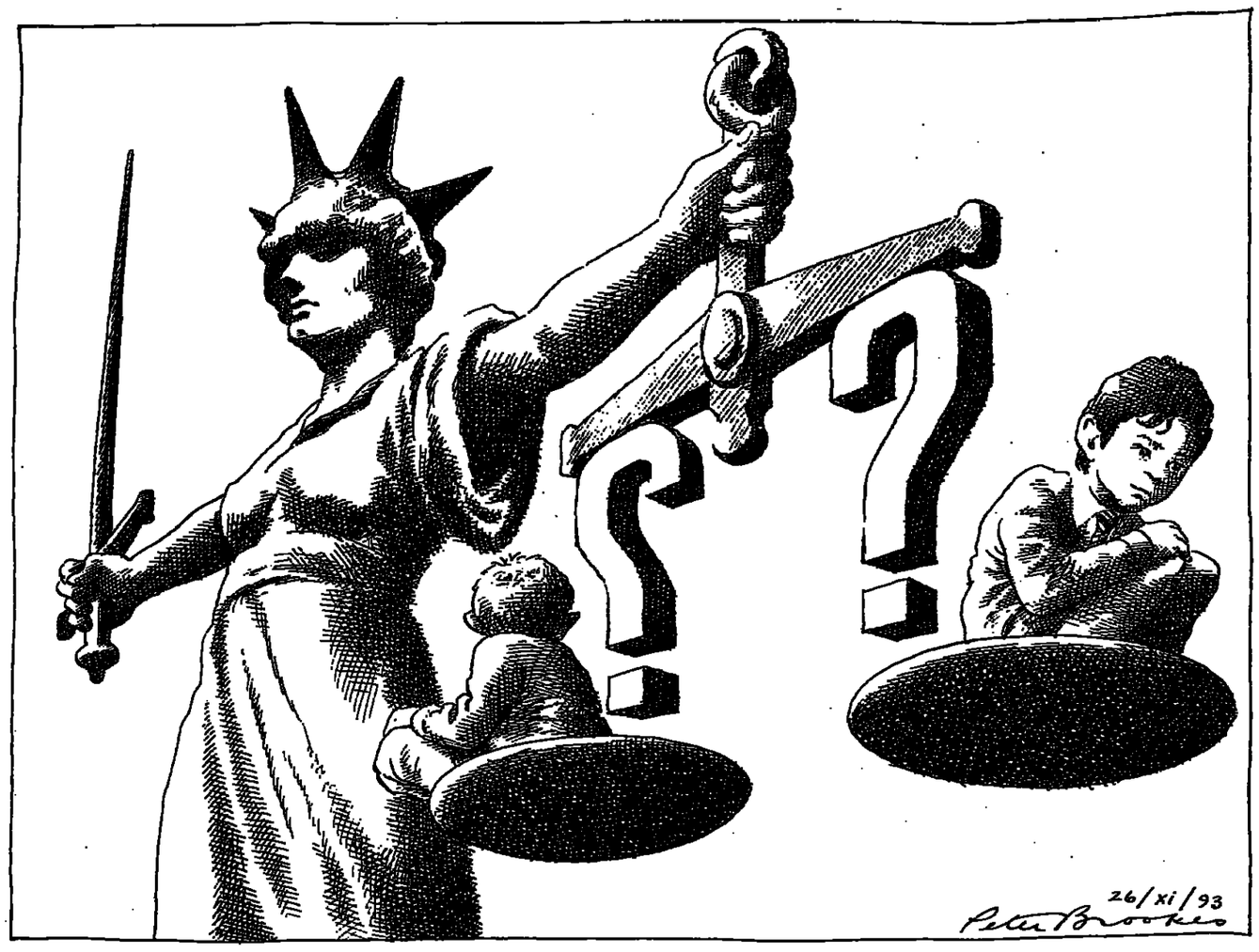
In her television appearances and memoirs, Boadicea Thatcher preferred "Argentinians" to describe the people, perhaps because it is easier to emphasise, and sounds more British than Argentines. Argentine also poses the problem for Brits of whether to pronounce it as comes naturally to us, to rhyme with Valentine. Or in the Spanish way, to rhyme with Fairy Queen. When tides of popular pronunciation run, only Canute's creepy courtiers imagine they can be stopped. But Argentinian is simply wrong.

Argentina is a Spanish adjective meaning silvery. The Spaniards were mistaken in thinking that the true wealth of their River Plate colonies would be in silver-mining. But when the colonists threw them (and the English) out, and the Viceroyalty of the Rio de la Plata was broken up, the elegant name of Confederación Argentina was chosen in the effort to establish a central government.

Eventually, this became La República Argentina, not *de* Argentina: the Silver Republic. When President Carlos Menem visits the Argentine contingent in the United Nations peace-keeping force on Cyprus at the weekend, he will come officially as Presidente de la Nación Argentina. But English speakers and writers will carry on calling him and his soldiers Argentinians. This sounds patronising to the Argentines. In Spanish, a native of the Argentine could be an Argentinian only if the country were called Argentinia. The Argentine Tango, strangest expression of the melancholy of Argentina, still retains its proper adjective in English. But precious little else does. Perhaps dancers are as fastidious with their epithets as they have to be with their feet.

The power of false analogy with such other nationalities as Australians and Canadians is irresistible. The commander of the Argentine contingent on Cyprus said on Wednesday that the Greek and Turkish communities should learn from the example of the Argentine and British troops in the UN force. The last time Argentines landed on a disputed island, war erupted with Britain. Now they serve together.

Unfortunately, language is even less biddable than people. In her inaugural lecture on language and communication at Oxford earlier this month, Professor Jean Aitchison noticed public dislike for the word "joyriding" to describe stealing cars and killing people. She predicted a short life for the word. It is cheeky to disagree with such a wizard joyrider on the tides of language. But I think she may have missed the irony in the slang, and underestimated the power of popular usage.



For the love of democracy

The serene heart of India beats strongly in a newspaper that has become popular through championing the Untouchables

Bernard Levin

My column today takes the form of a thankyou letter: truly to speak, it is a love-letter. I have been in India, on a errand which I shall discuss in a moment, but first I must tell you that the way I was treated throughout can only be described in terms of what the greatest and grandest of Rajahs would have expected. Indeed, Aurangzeb, Alexander and Lord Curzon combined could not have had such an Indian progress as I had.

To start with, from Heathrow back to Heathrow and getting on for a dozen or so flights within India, I was accommodated in first class, as though I actually was a great Rajah. This rule was adhered to so fiercely that I began to be truly embarrassed; once, for instance, I was flying with one of the small private airlines, which usually have only one class. It was discovered, however, that this particular flight had two classes — economy and business — whereupon my economy ticket was seized, torn up and replaced by a business one, before I could protest. (I must add that the flight in question, on which it seems that I could not possibly have survived if I went economy, lasted a full 80 minutes.)

That was nothing. Because I was doing the rounds, I was put up in hotels throughout. At each stopping-place, though, no mere room was selected; every time, I had the biggest and most luxurious suite in the building, culminating in the one in the magnificent Leela-Kempinski at Bombay airport. Here, my hosts had clearly worried that the suite might have been too small (it was already so large that I was tempted to ask for a bicycle to get around it), so they buckled together two of the best and biggest suites in the place, and hoped that would do. It did. Oh, it did.

That was nothing, either. Every time I came down the steps of yet another aircraft, there was, waiting on the tarmac, a charming lady who pressed into my arms a massive, and massively beautiful, bouquet of flowers. A few yards behind the damsel, there were two or three figures who, horrified to see that I was actually holding my own carry-on baggage, leaped forward to take it from me. We then proceeded to a cool room: this was pleasant, but I learnt that it had an extra purpose. It transpired that I could not possibly be allowed to go to the baggage carousel and identify my suitcase, much less pluck it off the moving band. No, no, nothing like that could be countenanced: so the cool room — with many cool drinks and things to eat (heedless of the fact that I had been offered things to eat and drink every few minutes on the plane) — was established for me: my luggage tag was gently removed from my case, and when matched, reverently removed from the baggage hall and put in the boot of the waiting car.

Checking into yet one more hotel posed no problems: I don't think I set eyes on a bill of any kind from beginning to end, whether arriving or leaving, but whichever it was, there was a kind of honour guard around the door, to welcome me in or bid me *bon voyage!*

Throughout this royal treatment there were at least two people at every point in the journey; arriving by car, train or plane, I found that I was expected at that exact place and exact time. More still: everywhere we went by car or boat there was a back-up vehicle; even the train journey was covered — there was a car waiting in case the train was going to be late. Solicitousness abounded; a marathon programme had tactfully included spare time for resting, though my problem was not exhaustion but remembering where I was and where I was going, and above all where I had just been. I came home laden with memories of almost unimaginable hospitality and generosity.

Ah, yes; the reason I was there. I was there to talk. Now, my late mother always insisted that I had started to talk when I was three weeks old, and although that might have been something of an exaggeration, it is certainly true that, whenever I did start to talk, I did not stop, and I have not stopped yet, not even to draw breath. So why the invitation, the welcome, the luxury, the tour? To answer that, I must recount some history.

In 1888, a tiny weekly news-sheet was born, in the State of Kerala (though Kerala was not yet one state). It was founded by a man of very remarkable vision, Kandathil Varghese Mappillai, and to have any kind of vision in those days must have been rare indeed. Illiteracy was almost total; the terrible wickedness of "untouchability" flourished; education was only for a few; the people lived in dreadful hovels; hunger stalked the land; there was not even a common language.

K.V. Mappillai set out to change that, with the only instrument he had; the little newspaper, *Malayala Manoroma*, that he had brought into the world. Today, Kerala is the only state in India that can claim 100 per cent literacy, and the people of the state live decent lives in decent homes. And a very great part of that great advance is plainly attributable to K.V. Mappillai and his successors, who have seen *Malayala Manorama* become the biggest-selling newspaper in the country. Nor has it done that by lowering standards; on the contrary, when, on my unforgettable tour of Kerala, I came to the newspaper's headquarters, and found the entire staff awaiting me for a question-and-answer session, almost every one of the questions, and almost every one of the comments, from the editor to the men who handle the presses, expressed concern — concern based on disquiet and even disgust, at Britain's tabloid papers.

There has been no break in the line of honourable men who have steered the newspaper to its deserved success; but there has been a different kind of break. The state was ruled not by Britain but by the Diwan of Travancore, Sir Ramaswamy Iyer, of whom it could truly be said that he was an unmitigated scoundrel with no redeeming features. He treated "his" people abominably, and *Malayala Manoroma* paid the price: imprisonment for the editor, and a nine-year shutdown of the newspaper. With a delightful irony, the brute fled when, in 1947, India gained its independence. The newspaper has never again looked back.

Against that background, I delivered the second K.V. Mappillai Memorial Lecture: I spoke on "The paradoxes of democracy". And for that, and for that alone, they wrapped me in the luxury aforesaid and showed me a thousand kindnesses, and gave me a tour of the entire State of Kerala, and — above all those joys and wonders — they made me a friend, and a friend of them all I shall be, always.

The great patriarch of the family, K.M. Mathew, who has been chief editor since 1973, has a remarkable lineage and progeny; try as I might, I could not keep in mind which of the sons and nephews and others of the extended family were which; I beg one of them to draw me a genealogical table. (But three of the staff, who were not members of the family, made themselves so indispensable that I must thank them publicly. Ram Datta, the business manager, with whom I had many a pleasant and thoughtful conversation, would not even let me check in for my farewell flight; Lt Col Jose Vallikappan, the manager of the electronic media project, acted as my guard and guide; and John the driver, who negotiated thousands of potholes on the way up to Tekkady and even more thousands on the way down.)

I shall not forget — who could? — the glorious shock I got when I first landed in Kerala, from Bombay, and found myself surrounded by the lush green that is one of Kerala's greatest boons. I shall not forget — who could? — the two-hour morning drive in a speedboat across a gigantic lake, with the water as calm as glass, a handful of early-bird fisherman raising a hand in salute as we went by, and the sun blazing down throughout. I shall not forget — who could? — the edge of the other lake, far up in the hills, where I saw a massive herd of bison munching their way up to the summit.

And I had all that and much, much more, just for giving a lecture about democracy for three-quarters of an hour. I dare not think about what it cost the *Mayalaya Manoroma* organisation from first to last. But at least I could — and did — promise to return to Kerala, to see again the friends — the generous, heartfelt, uplifting, wise and honourable friends I made, and will not forget.

I said that this was a love letter; well, I have loved India since I first went there, many years ago. This visit deepened that love — not just because of the way I was treated, but much more because it enabled me to relive once again that enviable serenity that lies in every Indian heart. Dear friends, I thank you.

Show me where it hurts

Punishment policy is squeamish, **David Walker** says

This morning Robert Thompson and Jon Venables, the murderers of James Bulger, settle into assessment centres prior to transfer to local authority-run secure units. They are disappearing into social policy's Gulag — there are no central statistics of how many children are in secure accommodation, for what reasons and for how long. What we do know is that "settle into" is the apt phrase. Since their arrest and, especially, during their trial, these boys have become objects of solicitude — a social worker's shoulder, a council official's hankie.

Now, for an indefinite period, they will live in units where their emotional development — autonomy and self-esteem are preferred words — will be tenderly fostered, at an annual cost of at least £90,000 each. These boys lose their liberty to roam the streets of Merseyside. Is that all there is?

Public policy is squeamish. The penal system demands utter respect for the rights, the human rights of criminals. Meanwhile, a blancmange of confusion ("secure accommodation", "community homes") surrounds the treatment of juveniles. For example, does the health department or the Home Office have jurisdiction? We have penal institutions for juvenile offenders, but we have no politics of punishment. New prisons are made more comfortable than a student hall of residence and, for the young, penal regime is a misnomer.

In schools, corporal punishment has been effectively eliminated — with the encouragement of successive education secretaries. The sight of parents smacking their children has become offensive — how much more likely would some intervention have been during that fateful journey had it been an adult slapping James Bulger? Punishment is at odds with the prevailing philosophy of how the state should deal with problem children.

During Baroness Thatcher's prime ministership, Lord Mackay of Clashfern passed the Children Act, containing a clear statement of ideology: that state and society (aka parents) had specific obligations not just to children but to the autonomy — legal, physical, spiritual even — of children. Autonomous children cannot, by definition, be chastised. That act was the product of a conspiracy; not a ramp of social workers alone but of progressive judges and the law commission. It expresses a professional world view; it represents society as an artifice; it is also dynamic, for we are only now seeing how its child-centred philosophy affects court adjudications.

In the world of the Children Act professionals, including teachers, confront problems of discipline and absence of rules, but they have become unable to deliver, in their practical work, let alone their theorising, a coherent answer to the question, what is punishment? Shouldn't it hurt?

Ah, but it doesn't work, is the orthodox reply, as if some narrow, functional test (recidivism rates, say) were the be-all and end-all of understanding this complex moral and social phenomenon.

Punishment exists to satisfy society's sense of just deserts. That is a never-ending which material civilisation has not yet anaesthetised. To pooh-pooh that yearning to see perpetrators of crime, young no less than older, punished is to put social cohesion at risk.

It is usual to end pieces such as this wringing one's hands. What could even a determined government do when professional orthodoxy — in the courts, social services departments and school staff-rooms — is so strong?

Yet James Bulger deserves a policy memorial. Crime and justice are indissolubly linked to what the system calls "disposal" but which ministers, mustering their courage, should calmly call punishment. Punishment that carries some portion of the public's thirst for retribution. Punishment that hurts.

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Times in dogfight

ALREADY strained relations between Britain and Cyprus were not helped by the rowdy welcome that the Queen received during her visit to the Commonwealth leaders' summit last month. But now comes news of an even greater threat to the lotus-eating life — the Cypriot foreign minister is threatening to ban *The Times*.

The latest diplomatic crisis began when the *Cyprus Mail*, an English language newspaper, had the temerity to report that the barking of six collies belonging to the foreign minister, Alecos Michaelides, had been upsetting the minister's neighbours.

The paper reported that 15 desperate families had sent a "last warning" letter to the local municipality asking for the dogs to be removed after police ignored previous complaints. A copy was dispatched to the president, Glafcos Clerides. But as the *Mail* succinctly put it: "Michaelides refused point blank to discuss this."

In retaliation, Michaelides has banned the newspaper from the three hotels he owns in Paphos — the Annabelle, Paphos Beach and Porto Paphos, whose many British guests have included Commons Speaker, Betty Boothroyd.

The minister is now contemplating phase two of his punishment, by taking similar action against the *Mail*'s sister company which distributes all British newspapers and magazine — including *The Times* — next week. The *Mail*, however, is defiant. Proprietor Kyriacos Iacovides says:



"I think he is behaving in a high-handed manner. Politicians should be a bit more sensible and democratic." And spend less time in the sun.

DIARY

● *ITS work completed, the Channel Tunnel Association, whose members were pilloried as "flat-earthers" when they started campaigning 25 years ago, formally disbanded with a party in the House of Lords last night. Good news for Eurotunnel and lovers of cheap French wine. Bad news for householders in Kent and Lord Palmerston, who in 1856 warned that a tunnel "could shorten a distance we already find too short".*

Life of fiction

THE death of Anthony Burgess yesterday will no doubt trigger an undignified scramble to complete the first biography of one of the nation's most consummate wordsmiths. Roger Lewis has something of a head start, having been researching just such a work for nearly ten years.

Lewis, a former *Punch* book critic, hatched the idea when he studied Burgess at Oxford in the early 1980s. From then until this year he interviewed Burgess "a number of times". Whether it was these interviews that spurred Burgess into writing his autobiography, who can say.

"Those two books are his greatest works of fiction," says Lewis. "He invents himself. After all, his real name was John Wilson. In *Earthly Powers*, which is about a novelist writing his memoirs, he said you can never trust novelists, because they lie for a living." But didn't he lie beautifully?

Budget leak

WHISPER it not in your local off-licence, but word in the Treasury is that Kenneth Clarke will deliver his Budget next week aided only by a refreshing glass of water. British mineral water probably, although a close colleague points out that a glass of tap water would spell out to Brussels exactly what the government thinks of its deficit-busting purity directives.

Given a free hand, our fun-loving Chancellor would probably opt for a bottle of club claret or a pint of best bitter. "But that's not on," say aides.

What about whisky? Especially since Highland Park helped organise the award he picked up on Wednesday as parliamentary debater of the year. "Hardly," snorts a colleague. "He [that is Norman Lamont] drank whisky."

● *EARLS Court will be a quieter place this weekend as final preparations for next week's Royal Smithfield are completed without the traditional eve-of-show demonstration from the Vegetarian Society. The society says its withdrawal is not an admission of defeat but a change of tactic. "Smithfield has changed over the years," says campaigner Paul Bryan. "It's more a general agricultural show these days." But one chop-chomping trencherman sniffs victory. "The veggie army have become the Marmite soldiers."*

What's brewing

THIS weekend a small but gallant band of MPs is forsaking the cosy comfort of their constituencies for the icy wastes of northern France.

Concerned by reports that the single market has exposed the nation to a flood of cheap French beer, the cross-party Parliamentary Beer Club is investigating first hand. Their task begins at Calais.

Six members, including the club's honorary keeper, Alan Meale, MP for Mansfield, have signed up for the outing. Michael Fabricant, the lone Conservative MP, says: "Even though many of my Staffordshire constituents are involved in brewing, we will not be bringing back any cheap beer. We will be leading by example." *Quel sacrifice.*



Principality players

FRESH controversy for the royal family looms early next year when Theatre Clwyd puts on a new play at its Mold theatre. Entitled *HRH*, the play deals with the Duke of Windsor's period as governor general of the Bahamas during the second world war, but more than touches on such sensitive subjects as the duke's Nazi friendships and alleged links with money-laundering activities.

The play will star David Yelland and Maria Aitken (above, left) as the duke and duchess (right). Playwright Snoo Wilson says: "It was a marriage that took place in circumstances of such obvious parallels to be drawn."

Wilson's final calumny is to accuse them of meanness. "They were the ultimate royal freeloaders. They were grotesquely obsessed by money." A transfer to the West End is hoped for, but a royal premier looks unlikely.

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CHILD'S PLAY

Screen sadism is immoral whether or not it causes crime

Whether Jon Venables actually watched the video *Child's Play 3* before participating in the murder of James Bulger remains an open question. The video was, however, in his home shortly before the crime; it contains scenes which are sickeningly reminiscent of what Venables and Robert Thompson did to their victim; the trial judge, Mr Justice Morland, has reflected openly on the possibility of a causal connection.

Within minutes of the verdict, a House of Commons motion was tabled demanding a Home Office investigation into the role that TV and video violence may have played in inspiring the murder. Some MPs, most notably Mr David Alton, have taken this suggestion beyond speculation and asserted unequivocally that there is a link between the cult of "mutilation as entertainment" and sadistic crime. Heritage Secretary Peter Brooke, who is responsible for broadcasting policy, has called for the papers in the case to examine the grounds for this concern.

It is superficially odd that all this activity has begun because of an event which may not have occurred — the viewing of a specific video by a particular child. The oddity seems to offer ammunition to those who claim that the Bulger murder and concern about violent videos is producing moral hysteria. But to dismiss so lightly the justified and growing concern about screen violence would be facile and irresponsible.

It is neither surprising nor illogical that leaps of judgement have been made about the proximity of a violent film to a monstrous act. It is precisely the accepted presence of sadistic films in a family home — the ubiquity and casual acceptance of them — that is justifiably disturbing. Where once this kind of material might have been regarded as a shameful private indulgence, it is now freely available on every high street. Jon Venables's father is said to have borrowed 440 such films from local video shops in recent years. The speculation about whether his son may have watched one particular film is ultimately less significant than the certainty that members of a whole generation of children are growing up in a culture saturated by images of gratuitous cruelty and bestial violence.

The demand for proof that watching depicted violence directly causes imitative crime is dangerously fallacious, both in this instance and in the wider debate about video sado-culture. To claim that only some indisputable proof of a causal link could justify the curtailing of "freedom of expression" is an evasion of an obvious truth: a society that accepts vividly enacted brutality is *ipso facto* making such acts conceivable, and even encouraging the belief that they are commonplace. This is not a matter for proof: it is self-evident.

Today's festering culture of video nastiness thrives in corners of Britain remote from the experience of liberal drawing rooms where "freedom of expression" is so uncritically defended. The vocabulary which has been brought to bear on this issue is misleading: it is not so much an issue of freedom as one of manipulation. There is now a widespread addiction to viewing monstrous horror — often mysogynistic and sexually degrading — which is presented so naturalistically that, to the impressionable, it has become part of the furniture of reality.

The outcry which has come from the unprovable connection between one film and one crime, has already resulted in the cancellation of one scheduled televised showing of that film. For those longing for hope, this is at least a sign that moral censure can have as powerful and immediate an effect as legal constraint.

THE DISTRACTED CHANCELLOR

Herr Kohl had more than John Major on his mind yesterday

The sudden withdrawal of Steffen Heitmann from his candidacy to succeed Richard von Weizsäcker as president of Germany is an embarrassment and severe political setback for Helmut Kohl. The chancellor had, to the growing discomfort of his own Christian Democratic party, demonstratively backed the little-known conservative from eastern Germany, denouncing his critics, brushing aside controversy over Herr Heitmann's views and making the matter an issue of confidence in his own leadership and judgement. Herr Heitmann, bowing to a wave of apprehension, pulled out of the race yesterday in what he called the interests of national unity, and suggested as a candidate in his place a professor of theology who is a Social Democrat. Herr Kohl was left blustering and blaming the media.

The embarrassment was all the more visible because it coincided with the Anglo-German summit, when Herr Kohl joined John Major at a press conference and where his diminished authority was plain to his British visitors. For what has emerged clearly from the past three months of controversy is the growing influence of Wolfgang Schäuble, the CDU parliamentary leader, whose tactics have been decisive. With Herr Kohl's personal popularity, after more than 11 years in power, stuck in a trough, many have begun to see Herr Schäuble as a successor poised to take over the leadership if, as seems likely, the present coalition fails to win a majority in next year's election and the CDU opts for a grand coalition with the Social Democrats.

It was long evident to Herr Schäuble that Herr Heitmann was a disastrous choice. Herr Kohl chose him because he wanted to bolster the tottering CDU support in former East Germany. Unable to deliver a swift transfer of the government to Berlin, he saw the election of an eastern president as an important gesture to the five new federal states. The Saxony justice minister was conservative, voicing views on patriotism and family values that chime with Herr Kohl's. The problem was that he was not only far more conservative than most people in the west, but also out of tune even with anti-communist eastern voters. His call for Germany to play down its Nazi past provoked an outcry from the small but significant Jewish community; his criticism of foreigners was seen as tacit encouragement to the radical right; and his old-fashioned ideas on a woman's place in the home infuriated Germany's emancipated women voters.

Herr Schäuble realised that Herr Heitmann must withdraw; the difficulty then lay in the timing and the need to disguise the defeat for the chancellor. By waiting until after the SPD party congress had reaffirmed its support for the presidential candidacy of Johannes Rau, the veteran prime minister of North Rhine-Westphalia, Herr Heitmann was able to sow temporary confusion among SPD ranks by himself suggesting an alternative SPD candidate. Until Herr Kohl presents a new CDU candidate to parliament, which elects the president, SPD members may split over whether to back Herr Heitmann's proposal.

Despite this tactical ploy, the defeat for Herr Kohl is plain. The fraught search for a successor to President von Weizsäcker has only underlined the enormous popularity and moral authority the present incumbent has built up, at home and abroad — often at Herr Kohl's expense. The chancellor's famed political touch seems to be deserting him. He now has less than six months to restore his authority by nominating a conservative candidate to succeed President von Weizsäcker. The choice this time must be carefully made.

EARTHLY POWER

Literature has lost a great moralist

Anthony Burgess's productivity, excelling that of all but his most voluminous contemporaries, was laudable as well as lucrative. Literary critics, however, do not like the great producers; they begrudge the time needed to keep up with their work. Thus, immediately after his death, his reputation stands in the same jeopardy as those of Trollope and Scott, both of whose works have had to be rescued from long periods of neglect. Burgess's novels are similarly uneven in quality. At his best he was an unsurpassed linguistic innovator and a grand master of whimsy. But it will be decades before any critic does justice to the baroque palace of his achievement.

The only one of his works to achieve real notoriety was, of course, *A Clockwork Orange*; but it would be a pity if that startling glimpse into the abyss, prophetic and perfectly judged as it is, were to eclipse the rest of his rich and adventurous *oeuvre*. Burgess was, in any case, more than the sum of his literary parts: he represented the omniscient manner of a cosmopolitan *homme sérieux*, even if his was the gravitas of the autodidact. It was a style which was unusual on the English scene in the 1960s, and it would have been more influential had Burgess not lived abroad for so long. He would also have died loaded with honours, though he professed not to care.

As a critic of culture Burgess became more overtly conservative in later years; but despite his own unique contribution to the emblematic immoralism of the 1960s, he had never subscribed to large parts of the progressive package. Speaking in later life about *A Clockwork Orange*, he remarked: "It became popular for the wrong reasons, because it was about violence; people love that kind of thing. It's very annoying." His annoyance was not only due to the fact that he made very little money from the novel's success; rather, he was irked by his association with an amoral levity which he so firmly rejected.

After his magnum opus *Earthly Powers* appeared in 1980, Burgess devoted more and more of his time to promoting popular education — the work by which had made a living in his youth. In countless articles and in books on language such as *A Mouthful of Air* (1992), he celebrated the English traditions that he saw withering all around, fulminating against the linguistic functionalism of the age.

The English language had been his means of escape from his background. He did more than most writers of his day to extend its range, try out new effects, push the system to its uttermost limits. But the values he stood for were as important to him as their realisation in literary form. In the perennial struggle between advocates of art for art's sake and those who believe that art must serve a moral purpose, Burgess stood firmly in the moralists' camp.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Lamont's regrets on capital gains

From Sir Ian Morrow

Sir, Mr Lamont ("My greatest regret as Chancellor", November 22) recommends that capital gains tax should be substantially reduced. If this were to happen it would bring back the pressures on management in industry and commerce to prefer capital gains to revenue gains: for example, management would prefer that the price of their share options should increase in preference to increases in profits.

This could lead to short-term decisions, such as selling off companies or acquiring companies, which would affect the capital value in the short term.

When Nigel Lawson equalised capital gains tax and the top rate of income tax, the pressure from management to favour capital gains against revenue gains disappeared, with considerable benefit to the longer-term interest of the companies employing them.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr Anthony M. V. Coombs, MP for Wyre Forest (Conservative)

Sir, The introduction of CGT in 1962 and the relative decline in the number of medium-sized privately owned companies since is no coincidence. Most smaller companies rely unduly upon retained profit or bank borrowing, repayable on demand, for investment funds; they do not enjoy access to long-term equity and bond funding available to the big battalions.

High rates of CGT deter venture capital from business "angels", whilst the prospect that retained earnings are to be effectively taxed twice, through corporation tax annually and capital gains tax on disposal, positively discourages reinvestment. The "roll-over" concessions of Mr Lamont's 1993 Budget are unhelpful, in that they insist upon further investment in new ventures and, in any event, only serve to delay the day of CGT reckoning.

Ideally, then, the Chancellor should eschew further tax distortions like the business expansion scheme, and instead reduce CGT or, at least, rebase it. Even if a "taxing" budget makes this politically unfeasible, Mr Clarke should at least encourage longer-term investment by tapering CGT rates, which would be progressively reduced to zero over the first ten years of a chargeable asset's life.

Yours sincerely,
ANTHONY COOMBS,
House of Commons.

From Mr Adrian Beard

Sir, Mr Lamont fails to emphasise sufficiently the damage done by a high rate of capital gains tax *when combined with the indexation allowance*. The effect of a higher CGT when gains are ameliorated by increases in the retail prices index is to increase the tax charge disproportionately as asset values increase above the rate of inflation.

Thus the higher top rate of tax introduced in 1988 (up from 30 per cent to 40 per cent) primarily damages the long-term, net-of-tax returns from riskier investments (e.g., venture capital and direct private equity investment), compared with other, less risky, investments (e.g., fixed interest savings and managed portfolios). Yet it is precisely the riskier types of investment that provide the funds for the smaller businesses Mr Lamont regrets not helping.

Let us hope that Mr Clarke has read his predecessor's article. A radical reform of the way capital gains are taxed is long overdue.

Paradoxically, in a year in which the Treasury is acutely conscious of government revenue, such a reform may be more likely as it is the one substantial tax cut that could raise more revenue.

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From Ms Mavis Sargent

Sir, Norman Lamont's article brings to mind the adage "never put off till tomorrow what you can do today".

During his tenure as Chancellor this association advised Mr Lamont in successive Budget submissions that reform of CGT was essential. The tax is too complex, is a deterrent against investment and yields less and less money.

It is heartening in one sense to read that our arguments seem to have impressed Mr Lamont. However, let us hope that the present Chancellor possesses the courage of what we hope are his convictions and makes reform a priority whilst he is in a position to do so.

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Malaise behind the Bulger tragedy

From Mr Tariq Rafique

Sir, James Bulger's tragic death has starkly highlighted the deep malaise underlying industrialised societies, and particularly ours.

The splintering of whole communities, many of them once enviably cohesive, was perhaps inevitable in the modern city or town; but the further fracturing of family units into isolated and self-interested groups of two or one-parent families, with no larger personal concerns than their immediate kith and kin, has been the direct result of the state's unnecessary intrusion over the years into daily life, as an all-embracing godfather/policeman/paymaster-general.

The scenario of a two-year-old being led away from his mother with impunity by two youngsters in a crowded precinct in an Asian or African environment is improbable in the extreme. The likely resulting hue and cry would have located him immediately. Surely in this respect, the West can re-learn from its own past, or from the East.

The former premier of Singapore, Mr Lee Kuan Yew, had this to say:

If we follow the West in our social relations and family structures, we will be in deep trouble ... we should not substitute the state for the parents or the family. If you bring a child into the world in the West, the state caters for him. That's dangerous. If you bring a child into Asia, that's your personal responsibility.

I can only add that the Asian concept of family is still a Victorian one, and the Asian concept of responsibility extends beyond a child's parents.

Yours sincerely,
TARIQ RAFIQUE
(Chairman, Commonwealth and Ethnic Barristers Association),
1 Madeley Road, W5.
November 25.

From Mr Ffrancgon Rogers

Sir, I have read of James Bulger's tearful walk to death; of a series of witnesses telling of how they saw the two-year-old "crying his eyes out" as he was led by two boys. The passengers on a double-decker bus, the van-driver, the taxi-driver and several ladies have all given their dreadful accounts. I remain horrified that no police constable on foot patrol observed the two-year-old's plight. Was there, I wonder, a constable on his beat anywhere on the two-and-a-half-mile path along which this poor child was dragged and led to his death?

I fear not: such duties may not be regarded as "cost-effective". What would be the reaction of a police administrator, obsessed by "market efficiency", to a police constable's report on completing his foot patrol that all he had done was "to take charge of two ten-year-old boys playing truant and reuniting a two-year-old with his mother"?

Yours faithfully,
FFRANCGON ROGERS,
9 Pen-y-Morfa, Penclawdd, Swansea.
November 25.

From Mr C. R. Thomas

Sir, You report today that defence solicitors in the Bulger trial have dismissed as coincidental the similarities between the murderers' appalling deeds and a video film that had recently been hired by the father of one of them. I have my doubts.

In my view, the real "criminals" in the case may well be the promoters, distributors and retailers of children's video games. So many of these games depict violence involving shooting, bullying, hitting or pounding small, some would say toddler-like, figures. Many children are simply left in front of television sets or with computer games unsupervised for hours on end.

The games themselves are in danger of becoming role models. Last week Channel 4, in a programme called *Gamesmaster*, broadcast a game showing two adults bashing small cartoon moles over the head with mallets for maximum points. Some months ago I found my small children watching a cartoon, also on TV, where a character placed lighted matches in a lorry's petrol tank.

Censorship is long overdue to stop our young people's minds becoming corrupted by a sense that violent behaviour is acceptable.

Yours etc,
C. R. THOMAS,
C. R. Thomas & Co
(Chartered accountants),
10/1929 Merton Abbey Mills,
18 Watermill Way, SW19.
November 25.

Cash for the arts

From Miss Janet Suzman

Sir, The logic of Mr R. Derek Williams's reply (letter, November 23) to Doris Lessing (November 15) is equally "enchanting": does he really think a theme park is the same sort of thing as a nation's dramatic heritage? I presume he is happy to put Doris Lessing on a level with writers of potboilers.

Mr Williams might have noticed, in contrast to the government, that indeed, as Mrs Lessing said, "the arts are what we are good at". We have been good at the arts for half a thousand years. Can any other British industry boast of the same record?

That the arts contribute to our largest growth industry should be reason enough for not cutting 0.0016 per cent off an already shamingly mean subsidy.

Yours sincerely,
JANET SUZMAN,
c/o William Morris,
31-32 Soho Square, W1.
November 23.

South Bank funding

From the Chief Executive of the South Bank Centre

Sir, Michael Turner (letter, November 20), steward of the Musicians' Union, finds himself perplexed by the role and finances of the South Bank Centre. He might have found it useful to read our annual report: Dennis Scard, general secretary of the union, has one.

The centre may not have a permanent company to pay: however, we organise a major programme of concerts, festivals, Hayward Gallery exhibitions, dance series, foyer shows, an extensive literature programme, 30 national touring exhibitions each year, and run the Arts Council Poetry Library. We are also landlords for the whole 27-acre site of arts buildings on the South Bank.

We are open 364 days a year and offer over 1,000 ticketed and 400 free events annually. Last year we welcomed over 3.5 million visitors. Although we charge rental, through our grant we subsidise every event which takes place here.

As for our deficit, if it had not been for the cost of reorganisation and redundancy, which will make substantial savings in the future, we would have made a small surplus last year.

Yours sincerely,
NICHOLAS SNOWMAN,
Chief Executive,
The South Bank Centre,
Royal Festival Hall, SE1.
November 22.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

Language change

From Professor David Wiggins

Sir, Professor Jean Aitchison, Rupert Murdoch Professor of Language and Communication at Oxford University, defends replacing *might* (subjunctive or past) with *may* against all your correspondent Valerie Grove's reservations (article, November 17).

She defends double negatives used in the place of one negative. She welcomes all sorts of other usages commonly condemned. She expresses cheerful confidence that every needed distinction will be made good in some other way, even as it is swept aside.

"Laying down rules is not my job," she says. Her role is simply "to study the media and to ask, how are we using language? why? and is it changing?" Her role is non-judgmental.

But then, more managerially, she says: "I want to keep an enormous amount of variety going." And then, in evaluative mode, she praises one newspaper's use of language as "impressive and vigorous".

Finally, Professor Aitchison says, in her own article (also November 17), "the English language is chugging along happily". If these are the value judgments they appear to be, then let us hope that, in due course, her Oxford listeners will ask her by what austere linguistic criterion she measures such happiness.

And let us hope they will also ask her what it would be like — and how we could tell — if the English language were *not* "chugging along happily".

Yours faithfully,
DAVID WIGGINS,
Birkbeck College,
Department of Philosophy,
University of London,
Malet Street, WC1.
November 20.

Silent services?

From Mrs Barbara Roche, MP for Hornsey and Wood Green (Labour)

Sir, MI6 and GCHQ's "soft-shoe shuffle" into the cold light of day (report, November 25) was belated and half-hearted.

If Douglas Hurd thinks the people of this country will believe that wheeling out "C" and having him confirm that he uses green ink in honour of MI6's eccentric founder constitutes a proper opening-up of the security services, he is sadly mistaken.

An "oversight" committee, as proposed in yesterday's intelligence services bill, of six MPs and peers handpicked by the prime minister leaves Britain far behind the systems of independent accountability that are in place in the USA, in Canada, in Germany and in Australia.

When the Tory-dominated home affairs select committee, of which I am a member, pressed the then home secretary, Kenneth Clarke, on the need for parliamentary scrutiny of MI5, he refused to allow Stella Rimington to appear before us, stating: "I will account, and I will not answer any of the tantalising questions."

This will not do. It is high time that this government acted to ensure that this country's security services are accountable to a select committee, and through it to Parliament, and to the people who pay for them.

Yours sincerely,
BARBARA ROCHE,
House of Commons.
November 25.

From Mrs D. E. Finney

Sir, What is the point of having a Secret Service if it is no longer secret?

Yours faithfully,
DAISY E. FINNEY,
207 Hampstead Way, NW11.
November 25.

Aid to Indo-China

From the Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Sir, Mr Michael Meacher's article on Indo-China (November 15) does less than justice to our commitment to the region. Far from turning a blind eye to Indo-China, the UK fully appreciates the potential of the region and has been active in pursuing better relations with both Cambodia and Vietnam.

Since the signing in October 1991 of the Paris Agreements on a comprehensive political settlement of the Cambodian conflict, the UK has pledged some $30 million bilateral aid to Cambodia, more than 90 per cent of which will have been committed by the end of this financial year.

This is in addition to our estimated $100 million assessed contribution to the costs of the UN Transitional Authority in Cambodia, which is now withdrawing having successfully completed much of its mandate. We plan to continue our aid programme in Cambodia for the foreseeable future to help the reconstruction of that long-suffering country.

In Vietnam, we have made available more than £22 million in aid since May 1990: £10 million of assistance for technical co-operation was announced by the prime minister in July. Since then we have offered mixed credit of £50 million (export value) subject to export credit cover becoming available.

There is considerable British trade and investment in Vietnam. According to a recent World Bank report, the UK was the sixth largest foreign investor in Vietnam, with more than $244 million committed. Exports to Vietnam in 1992 were up more than 200 per cent on the previous year to more than £21 million.

Following the normalisation of its relations with the IMF, we expect trade with Vietnam to increase substantially, and will be doing all we can to help British companies to benefit from the opportunities which are likely to arise.

Yours faithfully,
ALASTAIR GOODLAD,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office,
King Charles Street, SW1.
November 18.

UN 'travel tax'

From the Director of the United Nations Association

Sir, The article by Marianne Curphey and Harvey Elliott (Travel, November 18) reports the strong reaction by the travel industry to the idea of a United Nations tax on fares to pay for the "spiralling cost of its peacekeeping operations around the world".

This tax was one of several suggestions for wider discussion on how to finance the costs of UN involvement in conflict prevention, conflict management, conflict resolution and post-conflict peacebuilding that the UN Secretary-General included in his paper, "An Agenda for Peace".

This paper, published in June 1992, has helped to develop international debate on all these issues. The tax idea would be implemented on a global basis only if the governments of member states agreed to implement it.

In putting forward the idea, the Secretary-General pointed out that, to flourish, international travel is dependent on peace. Few people opt to visit areas of tension or actual conflict unless they need to.

It was thus mooted that the travel industry might see that a contribution to the peace work of the UN and to the UN's efforts to help the creation of a safer world was in its own longer-term interests.

To bring comfort to Geoffrey Lipman, president of the World Travel and Tourism Council, who was quoted in your article, the UN has also proposed taxes on defence and arms expenditure — something which this association fully supports and has often called for.

Yours sincerely,
MALCOLM HARPER,
Director,
United Nations Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,
3 Whitehall Court, SW1.
November 19.

Sugar search

From Mr Bruce Dixon

Sir, Your correspondent's search for barley sugar (Mr Strickland's letter, November 19) is being undertaken in the wrong place. Confusingly, the expression "barley sugar" in this context refers not to those brownish sweets but to a particular type of sugar made by boiling a solution of sugar and water to a specific temperature.

A cookery book on sugar will reveal many types of sugar — hard crack, soft ball, etc. My own recipe for orange gin was regarded as a triumph by those who drank it. Its secret was the use of hard crack sugar.

It gave a rich and luscious flavour that cleared in the mouth, much as dextrose tablets do.

Yours in happy sugar-making,
BRUCE DIXON,
33 Rosary Road, Norwich.
November 19.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 25: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this morning arrived at Cambridge Railway Station and were received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire (Mr James Crowden) and the Mayor of Cambridge (Councillor Alex MacEachern).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness drove to the Kings Hedges campus of Cambridge Regional College and were received by Mr Peter Hurrell (Principal) and Dr Trevor Daff (Vice Principal).

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh toured the building and afterwards Her Majesty unveiled a commemorative plaque to open the new campus.

The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, subsequently honoured the Principal with her presence at Luncheon at the Newmarket Road campus.

Her Majesty this afternoon visited the Sue Ryder Home, Old Bishop's Palace, Ely, and was received by the Lady Ryder of Warsaw, the Rev Robert Clifton (Chairman, Sue Ryder Foundation) and Mrs Jane Nicholson (Chairman, Sue Ryder Homes Executive Committee).

The Queen toured the home, escorted by Lady Ryder, and afterwards unveiled a commemorative plaque.

Her Majesty later visited Ely Cathedral and was received by the Dean (the Very Rev Michael Higgins).

The Queen inspected the restoration work and afterwards unveiled a commemorative stone.

The Lady Farnham, Sir Kenneth Scott and Major James Patrick were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, International President WWF — World Wide Fund for Nature, this afternoon visited the World Conservation Monitoring Centre, Cambridge.

His Royal Highness afterwards attended a Conservation Forum at Robinson College, Cambridge.

Wing Commander Christopher Moran, RAF, was in attendance.

By command of The Queen, Mrs Avril Fishwick (Vice Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester) was present at Manchester Airport this afternoon upon the Departure of The President of the Republic of Uzbekistan and Mrs Karimova and bade farewell to His Excellency and Mrs Karimova on behalf of Her Majesty.

November 25: The Prince Edward, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, today attended the Charter for Business Seminar, Midland Bank, 27-32 Poultry, London EC2.

His Royal Highness this evening attended the London Society of Rugby Football Union Referees Annual Dinner at the Café Royal, 68 Regent Street, London W1.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

November 25: The Princess Royal, Patron, International Health Exchange, this morning attended a Conference on Management of Health in Developing Countries — Implications for the United Kingdom, the Society of Chemical Industry, 14-15 Belgrave Square, London SW1.

Her Royal Highness, Chancellor, University of London, later attended a meeting of the Institute of Latin American Studies, 31 Tavistock Square, London WC1.

The Princess Royal, Patron, College of Occupational Therapists, this afternoon attended a National Study Day for Occupational Therapy Support Workers on Strokes, College of Occupational Therapists, 6-8 Marshalsea Road, London SE1.

The Countess of Lichfield was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
November 25: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards, was present this evening at a Reception given by the Regiment at the Cavalry and Guards Club.

Mrs Michael Gordon-Lennox, Sir Alastair Aird and Captain the Hon Edward Dawson-Damer were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
November 25: The Duke of Kent, Patron, the Tree Council, this morning attended the launch of Tree Week 1993, at the Islington Ecology Centre, Islington, London N5. Captain Alexander Tetley was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, the Royal Dragoon Guards, today received Major General Patrick Brooking, Colonel of the Regiment.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
November 25: Princess Alexandra this afternoon visited Merseyside and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Merseyside (Mr Alan Waterworth).

Her Royal Highness, Vice-Patron, opened the redeveloped unit of the Young Women's Christian Association at 1 Rodney Street, Liverpool.

Princess Alexandra, Patron, subsequently visited the Fairbridge Team Centre at Canning Dock, Liverpool.

Finally, Her Royal Highness visited Liverpool Parish Church and opened the reconstructed Parish Centre.

Mrs Peter Afia was in attendance.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J-P. Bordaz and Miss N.H.S. Edwards
The engagement is announced between Jean-Pierre, younger son of M and Mme R. Bordaz, of Paris, and Natasha, elder daughter of Mr D.W. Edwards and the late Mrs D.L. Edwards and stepdaughter of Mrs F.J. Edwards, of Ealing, London.

Mr N.J. Lewis and Miss J.O. Perry
The engagement is announced between Nigel James, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Richard Lewis, of Rottingdean, Sussex, and Julia Olwen, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Perry, of Bracknell, Berkshire.

Mr I. Merrick and Miss C.J.M. Roberts
The engagement is announced between Ian, only son of Mr and Mrs D.B. Merrick, of Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs H.R.M. Roberts, of Putney, London.

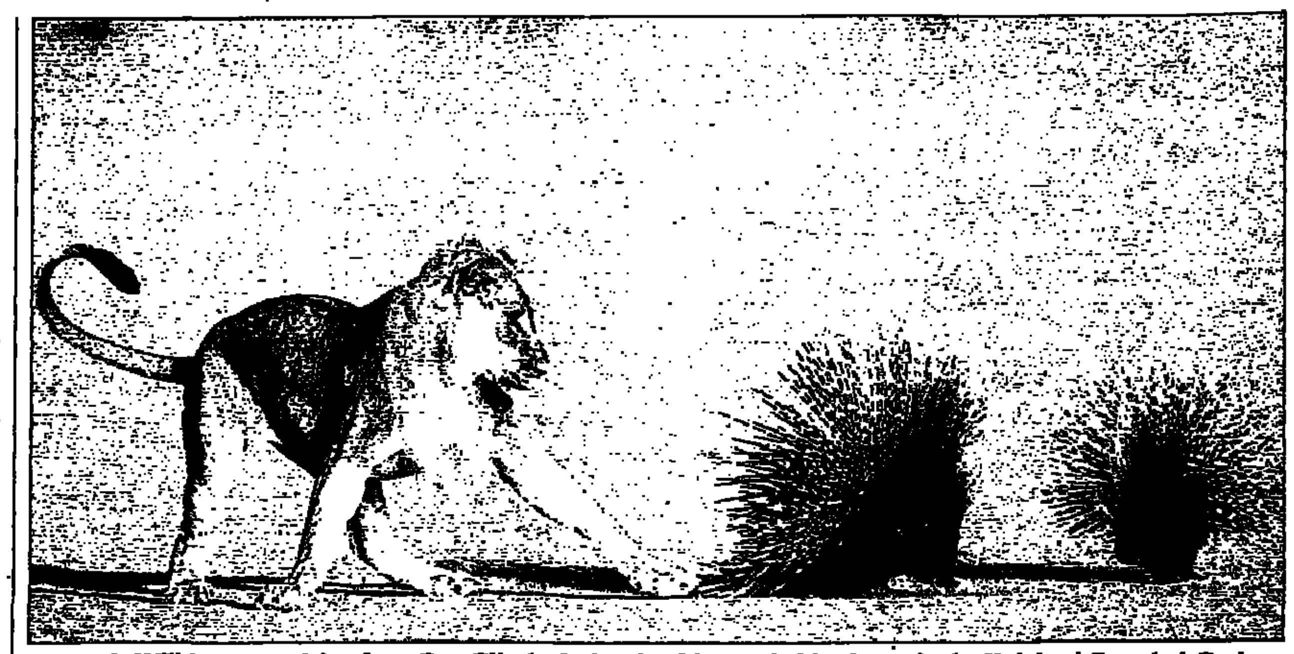
Mr D. Lyon-Smith and Mrs S.B. McCarter
The engagement is announced between David Lyon-Smith, of Gidleigh, and Belinda McCarter, of Silverton, Devon. The wedding will take place quietly in the New Year.

Mr P. Beswick and Miss K. Dann
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs Edward Beswick, of Felton, Northumberland, and Kate, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Dann, of Hoo Saint Werburgh, Kent.

Mr G.E. de Guise and Miss S.G. Platt
The engagement is announced between Graham, son of Mrs Margaret Guess, of Pershore, Worcestershire, and the late Mr John Guess, and Saraan, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Platt, of Farnham Common, Buckinghamshire.

Mr J.A.J. Rogers and Miss C.F.E. Copping
The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Phillip Rogers, of White Hall, Hampton Bishop, Hereford, and Coralie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ralph Copping, of Cusop, Hay-on-Wye, Hereford.

Mr M.J. Sewell and Miss R.E.M. Treays
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Donald Sewell, of Southwold, Suffolk, and Rebecca, daughter of Major and Mrs Peter Treays, of Holmwood, Surrey.



Barrie Wilkins, an optician from Port Elizabeth, South Africa, took this picture in the Kalahari Gemsbok Park of a young lion trying to overturn a porcupine while avoiding its quills. The porcupines eventually escaped into sand dunes. Mr Wilkins' picture has won £500 in the British Gas Wildlife Photographer of the Year contest

Birthdays

Major-General Sir John Acland, 65; Professor Margaret Boden, philosopher and psychologist, 57; Sir Alan Dalton, former chairman, English China Clays, 70; Sir Sidney Eburne, former Senior Crown Agent, 75; Lord Forte, 85; Sir Brian Goswell, partner, Healey and Baker, 58; the Earl of Gowrie, 54; Sir Patrick Graham, former high court judge, 87; Mr John Gummer, MP, 54; Professor Sir Harry Hinsley, historian, 75; the Earl of Lovelace, 42; Mr John McVie, rock guitarist, 48; Lord Moore of Lower Marsh, 56; Sir George Quigley, chairman, Ulster Bank, 64; Miss Joyce Quin, MP, 49; Mr A.A.S. Rae, former chairman, Ciba-Geigy, 68; Mr Charles Schulz, cartoonist, 71; Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, 70; Mrs Barbara Switzer, trades unionist, 53; Miss Tina Turner, singer, 55; Mr Des Walker, footballer, 28; Mr Peter Wheeler, rugby player, 45.

Service dinners

The Royal Green Jackets
The annual dinner of the 4th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets was held last night at Clothworkers' Hall. Lord Nicholas Gordon Lennox, Honorary Colonel, presided.

Movement Control Officers' Club
Brigadier M.G.R. Hodson, Director of Transport and Movements (Army), was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the Movement Control Officers' Club held last night at the Union Jack Club. Lieutenant-Colonel J.C. Marchmont presided.

University of London Air Squadron
The Chief of Staff and Deputy Commander-in-Chief RAF Strike Command and the Vice-Chancellor of Brunel University, were the guests of honour at the University of London Air Squadron annual dinner held last night at the squadron's town headquarters. Wing Commander P.J.G.E. Cullum, Commanding Officer, presided.

Dinner

Army Board
General Sir Peter Inge, Chief of the General Staff, was host last night at a dinner given by the Army Board at the Royal Hospital Chelsea in honour of General Ismail Karadayi, Commander of the Turkish Land Forces. The Turkish Ambassador and Mrs Önhon were present.

Lectures

English-Speaking Union
Baroness Brigstocke, Chairman of the English-Speaking Union, presided at the 1993 Churchill lecture delivered by Lord Owen yesterday at Guildhall.

Royal Signals Institution
Dr Michael Stroud, Deputy Director of the Defence Research Agency, delivered the Royal Signals Institution lecture yesterday at the London Press Centre.

Meeting

Lord Teviot
Lord Teviot, President of the Channel Tunnel Association, was the sponsor at a meeting of the association held yesterday at the House of Lords.

Memorial services

The Right Rev E.J. Trapp
A memorial service for the Right Rev Eric Joseph Trapp was held yesterday in Southwark Cathedral. Canon Peter Price, General Secretary of the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, officiated.

The Right Rev Humphrey Taylor and the Right Rev Lawrence Zulu read the lessons. Canon James Robertson gave an address. Canon Roy White, Vice-Provost of Southwark Cathedral, pronounced the blessing.

Lord Gormley
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Lord Gormley was held yesterday at St Mary-at-Hill, Eastcheap. The Ven Dr B.A.C. Kirk-Duncan and Mgr J. Hine officiated. Dr Paul W. Glover, Senior Trustee of the Coal Trade Benevolent Association and Master of the Fuellers' Company, read the lesson. Lord Ezra gave an address. Among those present were:

Lady Gormley (widow), the Hon Francis and Mrs Gormley (son and daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs I Gormley, Mrs Dianne Devers and Miss Joy Gormley (grandchildren), Natalie Devers (great granddaughter).
Lord Sefton of Garston, Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, KG, Lord Murray of Epping Forest, Lord Moore of Lower Marsh, Mrs Paul Glover, Mr David Clement, Mr William M Pybus, Mr A P Coldrick, Mr George Foggon, Mr K Graham, Mr Fred Jarvis, Mr Albert Williams, Mr Bill Sirs.
Mr M G Locket (trustee, Coal Trade Benevolent Association) with Mr T R Cloke, Mrs N Sawyer and Mr Henry Squire; Mr David Lea (Assistant General Secretary of the TUC), Mr Michael Green (British Coal), Mr Ivan W Pratt (secretary, Stroke Association), Mr Keith Harper (*The Guardian*) and Mr Michael Bryer Ash (G Bryer Ash, Dorset).

Sir David Sells
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir David Sells was held yesterday at Chelsea Old Church. The Rev Peter Elvy officiated. Mr Robert Sells read the lesson and Mr Andrew Sells, son, read from John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*. The Chairman of the Conservative Party and Conservative Central Office were represented by Mr Tim Cowell.

Funeral

Lady Redcliffe-Maud
The funeral of Lady Redcliffe-Maud took place at St Mary the Virgin, Oxford, on November 20. The Commonwealth Secretary-General was represented by Mr Nick Hare.

The Rev Brian Mountford officiated, and the Very Rev Joel Pugh and Canon Peter Bostock also took part. Margaret Pugh and Andrew Maud, grandchildren, and Sir John Johnston, GCVO, GCMG, gave readings. His Honour Judge Marcus Edwards gave an address.

Any donations, please, to the Redcliffe-Maud Fund, British Diabetic Association, 10 Queen Anne Street, W1.

Luncheons

Lord Mayor of Westminster
The Lord Mayor of Westminster and Mr Anthony Bianco were hosts yesterday at a luncheon held at City Hall.

The Park Tower Luncheon Club
The Park Tower Luncheon Club held a luncheon yesterday in Restaurant 101 Knightsbridge at The Sheraton Park Tower Hotel. Mr Derek Picot, General Manager, and Miss Jacqueline McCouat were the hosts and the guests were Mr Michael Wilson, Miss Katie Hickman, Miss Susan Penhaligon, Colonel Timothy Earl, Miss Kathryn Spencer and Miss Vivienne Creegor.

Reception

Atlantic Council
Mr Robert E. Hunter, American Ambassador to Nato, was the guest of honour at a reception held last night at 154 Buckingham Palace Road for international delegates attending the inaugural conference of the Atlantic Council of the United Kingdom. Sir Richard Luce, chairman, welcomed the guests.

Calls to the Bar

Inner Temple
P A Stansfield, Glasgow; J B Lloyd-Jones, Colby, Isle of Man; K P J Healy, Northolt, w London; J D Pope, London SW13; C F Simpson, Harrow Weald; T C Lay, Southampton; M X Ellul, Gibraltar; N C Ramgoolam, London N13; J C Berger, Farnham, Surrey; Y P Soobrayen, Goodlands, Mauritius; F T Hajjar, Esher, Surrey; S L D Libbish, Leeds; J Akinsanya, Wallington, Surrey; K P Callow, Worsley, Manchester; I P Turkid, Worcester; S Shah, Harrow, w London; G D Thomas, Cardiff; A S Yassin, London W7; K F Staunton, Rathmines, Ireland; G E M Thompson, London NW6; C M Le Quesne, London NW3; E R Deacon, Bolton, Lancs; C A Reddy, London W5; G P McMeel, Blackburn, Lancs; S O Akinsanya, S Croydon, Surrey; L A E Thompson, Dalycity, California; M E Agar, London N16; M M Higgins, London E8; S Warltay, London SW8; M E Fawcett, Hornchurch, Essex; L M Henderson, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon; B W Payne, London N5; T B Forster, Barford, Warwicks; K A Coughtrey, London SE16; J J E Thompson, Cartmel, Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria; D E Lawunmi, London N22; M G Poole, Portrush, Co Antrim; K Al'Hassan, Leeds; R S A J Alexander, London SW6; H J Lewer, London NW6; P J Blakesley, Ashover, Derbys; L P D Smith, St Leonards-on-Sea, E Sussex; R D White, Norton, Suffolk; O T Alagbala, London SW4; M H O Hutchings, Frinton, Essex; V J Cork, Barnstaple, Devon; A R Warnock, Cookstown, Co Tyrone; S L Cooper, London NW6; G L W Kingscote, Warwick; D C D'Souza, Richmond, Surrey; H F Toner, Belfast; R E Powell, London W11; K F Gannon, Hounslow, w London; J-A C Patterson, Dinas Powys, S Glamorgan; L Potter, London SW1; D S Bettle, Langham, Colchester; J D Whitley, Penzance, Cornwall; R L Young, Audenshaw, Manchester; N H B N Hashim, Melaka, Malaysia; P E Kaffel, Stanmore, w London; R A M Moore, Eridge Green, nr Tunbridge Wells; N G Johnson, London SW1; A L Morris, Ilford, Essex; P Chamberlain, Walderslade, Kent; N Stimpson, Woking, Surrey; S P Parsons, West Bridgford, Nottingham; T E Mackesy, London SE26; R T Harrison, Cranleigh, Surrey; D Theodossiou, Cyprus; R M Jones, Macclesfield, Ches; C M Chit, London SW3; K B Kneller, Woolston, Southampton; D K J Ageros, London NW1; J C Dawes, Warehorne, Ashford, Kent; T R Chiang, Singapore; J H W Gray, Carnforth, Lancs; M A Palmer, Singapore; J F Stanniland, Kenstoke, nr Weston-super-Mare, Avon; N I Symington, Market Harborough, Leics; T E Crowther, Newport, Gwent; H M Whatnell, London E11; S Govindan, Singapore; J K Narwal, Harrow Weald, w London; J K Lemon, Solihull, W Midlands; M A Savill, Horam, Sussex; S Fisher, London E7; R J H Burrington, London SW15; A J O'Brien, London SW4; J E Clarke, Bisley, Surrey; R E Banks, Cambridge; J St J A Murphy, Edgerton, Huddersfield; P L Warne, London SW9; P K Passi, Preston, Lancs; L M Wilding, Hitchin, Herts; L R Eyelington, London SW4; A F V Stoney, London W6; R Harrison, Beeston Rylands, Nottingham; S J Crossley, Guiseley, Leeds; S Tiwari, Oxford; J P Hayes, Northwood, w London; M S C Fairclough, Sutton, Surrey; R H Pollock, Castlederg, Co Tyrone; E N Burgess, Bristol; J O'Donovan, London W10; M C Watson, Quenington, Gloucs; A Rohard, Dartford, Kent; A D Wallington, Weston-super-Mare; L S Roberts, London E12; N M Grignon, London NW10; J P L Walsh, London NW10; T J Maycock, Shipston-on-Stour, Warwicks; A M McCombie-Lawrence, London SE23; D T McGrath, Belfast; D A Gibson, Nassau, Bahamas; N L Su-Ling, Penang, W Malaysia; M E B M Noor, Singapore; T C Walters, Nottingham; C McCourt, London NW1; P E Bowen, Wallingford, Oxon.

In absence
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COMPTON - On Saturday 20th November, to Tania (nee Meade) and Jamie, a daughter, Sophie.

HENLEY - On 23rd November, to Caroline and Oliver, a son, Patrick Francis, a brother for John and Elizabeth.

HOWARD - On November 25th 1993, to Janice (née Andrews) and Andrew, a son, Benedict Valentine Eliot.

HURREN - On 24th November 1993, to Jane (née Yates) and Derek, a son, Harry Richard.

McLAREN - On November 23rd at The Portland Hospital, to Caroline (née Stacey) and Michael, a son, Hamish, a brother for Angus and Iona.

RENDELL - On November 21st, in Denver, Colorado, to Donna (née Mundil) and Simon, a son, Graham Patrick, a brother for Phillip.

STROUTS - On 16th November, to Nicola and Henry, a daughter Mairi Ann Sarah, a sister for Harry.

YOUNG/KEIGHTLEY - On 23rd November, to Tim and Alison, a son, Rowland Mark, a brother to Dugald.

DEATHS

ANDERSON - Suddenly, but peacefully, on 25th November 1993, Colonel Geoffrey Thompson Anderson C.B.E., M.C., The Cheshire Regiment, beloved husband of Anna and devoted father of Caroline and Jennifer Jane. Service at Mortonhall - Crematorium Pentland Chapel on Tuesday November 30th at 2.15 pm. Family flowers only please.

AUSTIN - Zeta (see Lambert).

BENTLEY-TAYLOR - Jessie with the Lord November 24th 1993 aged 82 years, dearly loved wife of David, much loved mother of Michael, Arthur, Andrew and Rupert and beloved grandmother and great-grandmother. Formerly of The China Inland Mission. Funeral Service at Ballingham Chapel at 2 pm on November 29th. Family flowers only. Donations to Overseas Missionary Fellowship. Enquiries to B. Hawcutt Funeral Director, tel: Ledbury (0531) 632084.

BRAZIER - On November 24th 1993, Alan Frank, in Sobell House, Oxford. Much loved husband of Alison and dearest father of Hilary and Sally. The funeral service will take place on Tuesday November 30th at Oxford Crematorium at 2 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Sir Michael Sobell House c/o Green & Co., 21 High Street, Eynsham, Oxford. Any further enquiries please telephone: (0865) 880837.

CHRYSTIE - On November 23rd 1993, peacefully at St Mary's Hospital, Stannington, Helen Jessie (Jess) of Ponteland, Newcastle upon Tyne. Dear aunt, great aunt and greatgrand aunt. A courageous and indomitable lady. Funeral Service at West Road Crematorium, Newcastle upon Tyne, on Monday November 29th at 11.15 am. No flowers but donations if wished in her memory to The British Red Cross Society, Croft House, Western Avenue, NE4 8SR.

COLLUMBELL - Eastwood, Nottingham, on November 26th 1993 at his home in The Lodge, Kenmare, Eire. Harold, beloved husband of Monica (Cathy) (née McMahon). Sadly missed by his family and friends. Burial will take place in the New Cemetery, Kenmare, on Saturday 27th at 2 pm.

CRAIG-BROWN - At his home in Elie, Fife, on Saturday November 20th 1993, Alan aged 81 years, husband of the late Diana and a much loved father of Katherine and grandfather of Jessica, Guy and Bridget. Funeral Service in Elie Parish Church on Wednesday December 1st at 11 am. Interment thereafter private. Donations in lieu of flowers if desired to the R.N.I.B., 224 Great Portland Street, London.

DENSON - On 23rd November 1993 at the Winfield Hospital, Gloucester, Joyce Myra (née Symondson), widow of John Boyd Denson retd. H.M. Diplomatic Service. Funeral Service Holy Trinity Church, Minchinhampton, on Thursday 2nd December at 11.30 am. No flowers by request, but donations in lieu may be sent for the MacMillan Nurses c/o Philip Ford & Son Funeral Directors, Dirleton House, Stroud, Glos.

GARSIDE - On November 22nd suddenly in hospital, Margery Jane aged 77, devoted wife of the late Air Vice-Marshal K.V. Garside C.B., D.F.C., M.A., much loved mother of Helen and Paul. Funeral Service on Wednesday 1st December at Reading Crematorium, Allhallows Road, Caversham, Berkshire at 2.15 pm. Flowers to Tomalin & Son Funeral Directors, 48 New Street, Henley-on-Thames or donations if wished to the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund, 67 Portland Place, London W1N 4AR.

HENDERSON - On November 23rd, peacefully at home, aged 88, Otto, formerly Reader in Economic History at Manchester University. Much loved father of Vivienne, Fay and Nigel. Funeral Service at West Herts Crematorium, Garston, on Thursday 2nd December at 2.15 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation.

LAMBERT - On November 23rd 1993, at Amesbury Abbey, Wilts., aged 91. The Honourable Zeta (Babs), last surviving child of Lord Austin of Longbridge, Founder of The Austin Motor Company. Mother of Gerald, granny to Tessa and Amanda and great-granny to Thomas. Cremation on 3rd December 1993 at Salisbury Crematorium at 2.15 pm. No flowers at her request, but donations if desired to The Injured Jockey's Fund c/o Gerald W Burden, Church Street, Amesbury, Salisbury, Wilts. SP4 7EY.

MARSHALL - Helen, of Lavenham, widow of Bob, died on 24th November 1993 in West Suffolk Hospital.

MUNN - Peter A.J.N. unexpectedly and gently at home on November 23rd. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service will be held at a later date. No flowers, any donations to St Wilfred's Hospice, Chichester.

O'DWYER - On 24th November 1993 in Eastbourne, F.D.G. (Pat), aged 85 years. Much loved husband of Bay and a loved father and grandfather. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Grange Road, Eastbourne, on Friday 3rd December at 2 pm. followed by cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Eastbourne Talking Newspapers c/o Haine & Son Ltd., 19 South Street, Eastbourne.

PARKINSON - Richard Andrew, died suddenly 26th November 1993, aged 43 years. Beloved son of Jack and the late Nancy. Dearly loved brother of John, Annis and Sarah, loving stepson of Ann, to have known him was to love him. Service and cremation Bramcote Crematorium, Nottingham, on Thursday 2nd December at 12 noon. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Mencap Homes Foundation may be sent to A.W. Lymn, Robin Hood House, Robin Hood Street, Nottingham, NG3 1GF.

PIRIE - Alexander William (Alistair) on 24th November 1993, aged 94, of Little Haven, Dibden Purlieu, peacefully in hospital. Second son of Lt. Col. and The Hon. Mrs Pirie of Varennes, Maine-et-Loire. Widower of Annet. Loved by all his family. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Dibden Purlieu, on Wednesday 1st December at 1 pm. Cremation private. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to R.N.I. for the Blind, 224 Gt. Portland Street, W1N 5TB.

REYNOLDS - On November 26th 1993, peacefully at Bernards Gate Nursing Home, Chichester, Joan, aged 94. Widow of Lt. Col. W.L.E. Reynolds M.C., R.A.M.C. Dearly loved mother of Christopher, Lisanne and Mark and loving grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at Chichester Crematorium, Tuesday November 30th at 4pm. Family flowers only.

ROHAN - On November 23rd, suddenly, Ronald David aged 67 years of Fairfax Close, Ampleforth. Master at Ampleforth College. A beloved brother of Jerry, Pat, John, Pen, Dorine and Ken, a dear brother-in-law and uncle. Requiem Mass at Ampleforth Abbey, Monday November 29th at 12 noon. Prayers at Our Lady and St Benedict's Church, Ampleforth, at 1.30 pm followed by interment.

STANFORD - On November 23rd 1993 at his home in Friston, Suffolk, Reverend Ronald J. Funeral Service at Friston Parish Church on Wednesday December 1st at 2 pm followed by private cremation. No flowers. If desired donations made payable to Friston Church c/o Tony Brown's Funeral Service, Saxmundham.

TEYSSIER - Margaret Rosemary (née Sinclair), on 19th November suddenly at Frimley Park Hospital, aged 66 years. Much loved mother of Patrick, Madeleine, Henri, Philip and grandchildren. Cremation Service at Guildford Crematorium, Broadwater, New Pond Lane, Godalming, Surrey, on Thursday 2nd December at 2pm. Flowers c/o Camberley and District Funeral Service, 337 Yorktown Road, College Town, Camberley, Surrey. Enquiries tel: (0276) 33241.

TRAPPES-LOMAX - David Edward aged 63, peacefully on 24th November at The Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. Elder son of the late Brigadier Basil Trappes-Lomax and Mrs Trappes-Lomax. Beloved husband of Gillian Trappes-Lomax and a devoted stepfather of Andrea, Julian, Jeremy and Christopher. Funeral Service at St Mary's R.C. Church, Thetford, on Wednesday December 1st at 11.30 am. Interment private. No flowers by request. Donations to The Knights of Malta Hospice, Walsingham, can be made to R.J. Bartram and Son Funeral Directors, Fairland Street, Wymondham, Norfolk.

WILI - Suddenly on Friday 19th November, Bernard Maurice, aged 64, of Upper Norwood, SE19. Funeral Service on Friday 3rd December 1993 at 11.15 am in Christ's Chapel, God's Gift, Dulwich Village, SE21, followed by cremation at West Norwood Crematorium, SE27, at noon. Donations, if desired, to the Royal Hospital and Home for Incurables. Donations and enquiries to Kellaways Funeral Service, 104 Lordship Lane, East Dulwich, SE22 8HF, tel: (081) 693-2898.

WILKINSON - On Thursday November 25th, peacefully at the East Surrey Hospital Redhill, Kathleen, widow of Arthur (Wilkie), mother of Elizabeth and the late Geoff. Funeral 11.15 am Thursday 2nd December at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

MARCUS - A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Sgt. Major Daniel Howard Marcus, beloved grandson of Dame Shirley and Sir Leslie Porter, will be held at Carmel College on Sunday, 12 December. Those wishing to attend, please contact Ruth Silver on 071 624 5480 (fax 071 624 5564) or Sandy Watson on 071 333 2345 (fax 071 333 2349).

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OBITUARIES

ANTHONY BURGESS

Anthony Burgess, novelist, essayist and composer, died of cancer in a London hospital on November 22 aged 76. He was born in Manchester on February 25, 1917.



ANTHONY BURGESS was one of the cleverest and most original writers of his generation. He performed in many genres, from fiction to translation and from criticism to grammar and music. He may never have produced the masterpiece that his admirers always expected, though the verdict of history has yet to be given. He certainly wrote too much for his own good: about 60 books in 35 years, in addition to screenplays, television scripts, reviews and other journalism. But when some future Burgess a century from now comes to write the cultural history of the second half of the 20th century, Burgess will be recognised as a giant in his tattered humanity and his intolerable wrestle with words and meanings.

He was born John Anthony Burgess Wilson in Moss Side, Manchester. He dropped the John Wilson when he started to write professionally 40 years later because there were so many other Wilsons in the writing trade.

The family was Lancashire Catholic, Irish with a drop of Scottish. His father was the descendant of a line of Mancunian shopkeepers and publicans; his mother "the Beautiful Belle Burgess of the Gentlemen's Music Hall". The father came back from the first world war to discover baby Burgess in his cot, beside the corpses of his mother and small sister, victims of the 1919 flu pandemic. He found the surviving infant a drag, and devoted himself to draught Bass, becoming a pub pianist, and choosing a pub landlady as his second wife so as to safeguard supplies and get the boy off his hands. In the first volume of his autobiography, *Little Wilson and Big God* (1987) Burgess wrote that as a boy he was perpetually angry, and blamed the emotional coldness that he thought marred his novels on these childhood losses and neglect.

He received a Jesuitical education at Xaverian College, where the patrician diction of the priests increased his outsider's chip, as well as his interest in phonetics. At the age of 15 he wanted to be a composer, taught himself the piano because his father would not pay for lessons, and wrote a cello concerto and a symphony while still at school.

He was refused a place at Manchester University to read music, on the ground that he had failed physics. So he read English there instead, and got a second, a rating that filled him with contempt for the syllabus and the teaching staff. He worried about switching from music to language, but some of his best work crosses the boundary between the two great media of communication. Such connections between the two creative arts are rarely made, principally because there are very few people who can compose in both.

While at university he met his first wife, Lewela (the feminine of Llewellyn), or Lynne as she was usually called. She was reading economics, and they married in 1942. After graduating, he was conscripted into the Army from 1940 to 1946. Although urged to do so by his wife, he refused to seek a commission, preferring to "stay with his own kind," and exhibiting his truculence and lifelong opposition to the English officer classes, whom he sometimes confused with an imaginary literary mafia.

His Army career sent him first to Entertainments and then to Education, an apt analogy with his writing career. Though undisturbed by contact with the Axis powers, his time in the Army was enlivened by continual feuds with authority. Burgess would steal leave passes from the Orderly Room, sign them J. Joyce or E. Pound, and slope up to London to hang around the Soho pubs with Dylan Thomas and assorted literati. George Orwell would drop in for a quiet half.

Apart from obstinate underdoggery and philology, Burgess's other youthful enthusiasm was for Eros. In his autobiography he logged such an impressive list of liaisons that the reader soon loses count. Lynne and he agreed on an open marriage, not "locked in a cell of conventional fidelity".

After demobilisation, Burgess worked for 13 years as a teacher and lecturer, four of them teaching English at Banbury Grammar School. One Saturday night, when drunk, as often, he applied for a Colonial Office job, teaching in Malaya, and was taken on. This was dangerous, because a nasty little war was about to break out there. But through the drastic change, Burgess found his vocation as a writer. In spite of the drunkenness and obsessive sexual activity Burgess recognised that Somerset Maugham had not written about the whole of Malaya, only the white expatriates. He wrote three novels about Malayans on the cusp of independence, and their interaction with the British and other expatriates, *The Malayan Trilogy*. The first one, *Time for a Tiger*, was published in 1956. The trilogy makes a serious comedy of colonial Babel and polyglot misunderstanding for as long as the last days of the British Empire and the creative abuse of the English language are seen as fair subjects for pleasure and instruction.

In 1959 Burgess passed out in his classroom. The doctors diagnosed an inoperable brain tumour, and gave him a year to live at the most. Burgess later suspected that their diagnosis was a political trick to get rid of a social troublemaker. In that year, his first as a professional writer, he wrote at a furious pace, in order to make some royalties to leave his prospective widow. Five novels in 1959 earned him about £800.

Back in England his prolific output and versatility continued, with at least a book a year, backed up by freelance journalism. *Nothing Like The Sun* (1964) characteristically invented a convincing Elizabethan dialect, as well as the finest fictional biography of Shakespeare. His comic trilogy about the gross and fitfully inspired poet Enderby — *Inside Mr Enderby* (1963), under the pseudonym Joseph Kell, *Enderby Outside* (1968) and *The Clockwork Testament* (1974) — traces the literary, amorous, and digestive misfortunes and triumphs of Enderby in England, Rome, Tangier and New York, and shows a flair for acid social comment, pastiche, and verbal inventiveness.

One of the most truly popular things Burgess ever did was to review one of the two "Joseph Kell" novels warmly for the *Yorkshire Post*, having been sent it by an unobservant literary editor. He lost his job as reviewer, but the story became a legend of Grub Street.

Burgess's most famous book was *A Clockwork Orange* (1962). He conjured up a future of totalitarianism into which the illiterate civilisation of today has slipped — or rather, mindlessly walked — and been wiped out. Like *The Wanting Seed*, of the same year, *A Clockwork Orange* has a brilliant and dreadful despair, as it broods furiously on the prospects of infertility and the simultaneous existence of evil and good in the same soul — most memorably in Alex, its vicious teenage narrator, who combines a passion for Beethoven with a taste for rape and murder. This dystopia of violence, high technology and authoritarianism was later filmed by Stanley Kubrick. It made Burgess briefly a cult figure, and was said to have excited imitative violence in the impressionable young of the Seventies.

Burgess's first wife, Lynne, died of cirrhosis of the liver in 1968, after a long and painful illness. He nursed her devotedly, but he had continued his pursuit and capture of other women because, he said, of sexual frustration. Through a literary correspondence he met an Italian doing research at Cambridge University, Contessa Liliana Macellari. He married her in the year his wife died. By that time he already had a son by his Contessa, aged four, of whom Lynne never knew.

In pursuit of the sun and avoidance of tax, Burgess moved first to Malta, whose citizens and censorship he found distasteful; then Rome, where he fell foul of mafia blackmail; and finally Monaco, where he came to as near rest as so fiery an intelligence was ever going to be. After his second marriage his work took on enhanced qualities of daring, ferocity and (which had been rare before) a certain bleak tenderness. His Contessa took on the duties of a subsidiary agent, and negotiated the highest fees in British freelance journalism for him, often as much as a pound a word. Negotiators at extravagant watering-holes such as Claridge's were in holy awe of the Contessa, though they sometimes wished she would talk more about her husband's writing and less about her own.

Earthly Powers (1980) was his most ambitious novel, a blockbuster and hellfire tract a quarter of a million words long. This is a first-person novel narrated by a world-famous octogenarian novelist, an atheist and homosexual, now living on Malta (with intimations of Somerset Maugham). The fictional characters mingle with Kipling and Keynes, and react to Buchenwald and Vatican II, to produce an international panorama of the 20th century. The book has an opening sentence that has become one of the classic literary hookers: "It was the afternoon of my eighty-first birthday and I was in bed with my catamite when Ali announced that the Archbishop had come to see me."

Earthly Powers was a strong contender for the Booker Prize of 1980, and Burgess was persuaded by his publisher to come from Monaco and borrow a dinner jacket for the occasion. It was the year in which the arrival of live television turned the Booker from literature into show business. In the event, William Golding was awarded the prize for *Rites of Passage*, and Burgess found himself being interviewed on live television as the bad news was broken to him, and asked by an insensitive interviewer how he felt about not winning. He never let his novels be entered for the Booker again.

The Kingdom of the Wicked (1985), shorter but as ambitious, about Burgess's recurrent theme of the good and evil in all of us, takes as its subject the first years of Christianity. Major figures, including the Apostles and successive Roman emperors, are recreated in a style that has been modestly described as "rumbustious".

In addition to being a powerful and mischievous novelist, Burgess was a professional critic and polymath amateur *savant*. He was special both for his versatility and for the way he combined a high critical intelligence with the irreverent talents of a pub clown. A compulsive passion for word play was the key to all three. He wrote many critical works under the name of John Burgess Wilson, notably and not surprisingly on James Joyce, screenplays and television scripts, innumerable reviews and other pieces for the papers, and composed many musical works.

Chippy and truculent he may have been at times. He wrote too much, too fast, but he always recognised the high importance of creative writing. A Joyce buff, he wrote *Here Comes Everybody*, a beginner's guide to James Joyce (1965), *A Shorter Finnegans Wake* (1966) and *Joysprick* (1972); also a study of Shakespeare and short guides to the contemporary English novel and the uses of language notable for their clear-headedness and generosity. The fighting he confined to his fiction: "Novels," he once remarked in defiance of yet another polite English tradition, "are not written for friends; for enemies, rather."

It was appropriate that his last book, *A Mouthful of Air* (1992), managed the impossible by making language and languages, words and grammar, entertaining to *L'homme moyen intellectuel*. It was imbricated with alien scripts from Cyrillic to Malay, with tables and Burgessian mnemonics, and with characteristic admonitions that all children should be taught the International Phonetic Alphabet, and that everybody should learn by heart a poem by Pushkin in Russian, even if it was the only Russian he or she knew. He was a polyglot, a polymath, a poet and a word-child, a bit of a show-off, and always a provocation and pleasure to read.

His versatility was extraordinary, and an irritation to narrower critics. *Abba Abba* was an unsentimental imagining of the Roman world around the dying John Keats, together with dialect translations of Giuseppe Cioacchino Belli. It is hard to think of any other English novelist of his generation who could have produced work of this brevity and distinction and idiosyncrasy; nor another who would not only have taken on Napoleon, Tolstoy and Beethoven at the same time — and survived. *Napoleon Symphony* (1974), a fervently Bonapartist fantasy placed (roughly) within the structure and tempi of the *Eroica* is far more exhilarating than a technical game of the lipogram kind.

Burgess could be startlingly good at descriptive writing. He did not shrink from the Battle of Beresina any more than, on other occasions, he shied at describing the ecstasy of listening to great music, how a poem might (possibly) get written, the idiot patter of a chat show, or what it felt like to have a haemorrhage or a heart attack. There was never any predicting what he would write next, only that the known impossibility of doing it to perfection would never deter him from taking it on.

The world of letters and moral argument will seem the quieter for his absence. But he enriched his generation more than most, and left a body of work to keep readers arguing and delighted as long as reading survives, and civilisation does not fall into one of his own nightmare visions.

He is survived by his second wife and son.

ALBERT COLLINS

Albert Collins, blues guitarist, died in Las Vegas from lung cancer on November 24 aged 61. He was born on October 1, 1932.



AS THE star attraction on the opening night of the Pointblank Borderline Blues Festival in London last March, Albert Collins was naturally the man with whom all the younger players on the bill wanted to spar. Graciously inviting them on stage one after another, Collins duelled with typically generous humour and a wicked gleam in his eyes. Far from surrendering any of his thunder, the whiplash attack of his playing style and the sheer force of his personality ensured that the veteran remained, as ever, the man in command.

His hard-edged, finger-picking style produced a distinctively clean, "ice-cool" tone, earning him the nickname "The Iceman". Among the many highlights of his long career were his appearance with George Thorogood at the globally televised Live Aid concert in 1985, and his celebrated collaboration with Johnny Copeland and Robert Cray on the album *Showdown!* which won a Grammy Award in 1986.

Born in the tiny town of Leona, Texas, Collins moved with his family when he was nine to Houston, where he grew up in the tough Third Ward area. He finally picked up an acoustic guitar at the age of 18. Among his early influences were John Lee Hooker and, after he had switched to electric guitar, T-Bone Walker and Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown.

He recorded his first single, "The Freeze" in 1958, a snappy instrumental which set the tone for a succession of titles on a cool blue theme: "Sno-Cone.", "Icy Blue," "Don't Lose Your Cool" and in 1962 the best-selling "Frosty" which became something of a theme song.

He moved to California in the late 1960s and became one of the first deep blues acts to win over the rock audience. Through the good offices of the group Canned Heat he was signed to the Imperial record label, but his albums for them failed to capture the intensity of his live performances, and it was not until he signed with the Alligator label in Chicago in 1978 that his latterday recording career became solidly and properly established.

He is survived by his wife Gwendolyn, with whom he wrote many of his songs. They had no children.

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A NEW CONCEPTION OF FOOTBALL

From our Association Football Correspondent

Yesterday by 4 o'clock on a grey winter's afternoon within the bowl of Wembley Stadium the inevitable had happened. To those who had seen the shadows of the recent years creeping closer and closer there was perhaps no real surprise. England at last were beaten by the foreign invader on solid English soil. And it was to a great side from Hungary, the Olympic champions, that the final honour fell. They have won a most precious prize by their rich, overflowing, and to English patriots, unbelievable victory of six goals to three over an England side that was cut to ribbons for most of an astonishing afternoon. Here, indeed, did we attend, all 100,000 of us, the twilight of the gods.

There is no sense in writing that England were a poor side. Everything in this world is comparative. Taken within the framework of British football they were acceptable. But here, on Wembley's velvet turf, they found themselves strangers in a strange world, a world of flitting red spirits, for such did the Hungarians seem as they moved at devastating pace with superb skill and powerful finish in their cherry bright shirts.

One has talked about the new conception of football as developed by the continentals and South Americans. Always the main criticism against the style has been its lack of a final punch near goal. One has thought at times, too, that perhaps the perfection of football was to be found somewhere between the hard hitting, open British method and this other more subtle, probing infiltration. Yesterday the Hungarians, with perfect team work, demonstrated this midway point to perfection. Theirs was a mixture of exquisite short passing and the long English game. The whole of it was knit by exact ball control and mounted by a speed of movement and surprise of thought that had an English team ground into Wembley's pitch a long way from the end. The Hungarians, in fact, moved the ball swiftly along the ground with delicate flicks or used the long pass in the air. And the point was that they used these variations as they wished, changing the point of attack at remarkable speed. To round it off—this was the real point—they shot with the accuracy and speed of archers. It was Agincourt in reverse.

One has always said that the day the continental learned to shoot would be the moment British football would have to wake up. That moment has come at last. In truth, it has been around the corner for some time, but there can no longer be any doubt.

Outpaced and outmanoeuvred by this intelligent exposition of football, England never were truly in the match. There were odd moments certainly when a fitful hope spurted up, such as when Sewell put us level at one all at the quarter hour and later during a brave rally that took England to halftime 2-4 down. Yet these were merely the stirrings of a patriot who clung jealously to the past. The cold voice of reason always pressed home the truth.

ON THIS DAY

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Our Correspondent, the late Geoffrey Green, concluded his account of this game with "English football can be proud of its past. But it must awake to a new future."

NEWS

Bulger boys' families live in fear

■ The families of Robert Thompson and Jon Venables, James Bulger's murderers, are living in fear of violent reprisals after the trial judge ordered that their identities be disclosed.

In spite of demands for action to curb on the availability of horror videos which the judge suggested might have influenced the boys, Michael Howard, the home secretary, said he would not be rushed into a snap judgment ..... **Pages 1, 3, 18, 20, 21**

Tories punish treaty rebels

■ MPs loyal to John Major took their revenge on Maastricht rebels, ousting their effective leader from the executive of the 1922 committee. In a boost for the prime minister, they voted to replace Sir George Gardiner with David Evans, a loyalist rightwinger who backed the government throughout the bill's tumultous nine-month passage through Parliament .....**Page 1**

Anglo-German unity

Britain and Germany promised to prod dissenting countries to sign the Gatt free trade agreement by December 15. Chancellor Kohl received a setback when his candidate for the German presidency withdrew. **Page 1, 12, 13, 21**

Bodies in car tests

Evidence from road crash tests involving human corpses has been used by British motor manufacturers to make cars safer. Ford and Vauxhall said that their American parent companies had helped to finance such tests **Page 1**

Auschwitz no secret

Britain knew of the terrible death toll at Auschwitz concentration camp as early as August 1942, secret documents disclosed. But Winston Churchill appears to have had no warning of the Pearl Harbour attack ..... **Pages 1, 4**

Burgess dead at 76

Anthony Burgess, author of *A Clockwork Orange* and *Earthly Powers*, has died in London of cancer aged 76..... **Pages 1, 23**

Masons 'interfered'

A councillor has resigned from the Conservative party because of alleged pressure over planning decisions from fellow Tories who are Masons ..... **Page 7**

Police killer

A police sergeant who murdered his wife, then faked her death in a car crash, was jailed for life. Stephen Jones was motivated by lust and greed..... **Page 9**

Ashdown tax plan

Those earning more than £25,200 a year should pay an extra 3p in the £1 on income tax, the Liberal Democrats said..... **Page 11**

French brinkmanship

France sought to push the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade talks closer to the brink, saying they could collapse within days if the there was no concession from America..... **Page 13**

Libya woos US

Muammar Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, reinforced his reputation for unpredictability by ordering Libya's media to halt attacks on President Clinton..... **Page 15**

Clinton relents

Having spent much of last week bashing its European allies, the Clinton administration has done the diplomatic equivalent of sending roses after a spat..... **Page 15**

Turmoil in Gaza

In the worst violence since the signing of the Israeli-PLO peace accord, 20 Palestinians were shot and injured by Israeli security forces in Gaza ..... **Page 16**

Assassination bid

Atef Sedki, the Egyptian prime minister, narrowly escaped assassination by Islamic militants who detonated a car bomb close to his motorcade in Cairo **Page 16**

Bosnia's fate

A Muslim republic in the rump of Bosnia-Herzegovina is inevitable because the Americans killed off the plan for a multi-ethnic state, Lord Owen said ..... **Page 17**

Vatican's celestial bodies derobing

■ Restorers are to remove some of the 38 loin cloths which were painted over nudes in Michelangelo's Last Judgement in the Sistine Chapel during the counter-reformation, Vatican officials said. The elimination of the celestial underwear is part of plans to present the fresco to the public in its original splendour by Easter ..... **Page 17**

ADRIAN BROOKS



Protesters outside Downing Street yesterday where they presented a petition with 900,000 signatures opposing the closure of London's Royal Marsden Hospital. Organisers said it was the biggest petition received by Mr Major since he took office

BUSINESS

Direct Line: Royal Bank of Scotland is to pay £24 million to buy out the lucrative contract of Peter Wood, the founder and chief executive of Direct Line, the bank's insurance subsidiary ..... **Page 25**

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■ In the Weekend section tomorrow, Enoch Powell heralds Advent with a personal reflection on Gabriel and his heavenly colleagues. The subject, he says, provided inspiration for generations of artists

A party like no other

■ Shake out your party gear. This year's Christmas celebrations could be the most festive ever with the know-how in the Weekend section

Hughes and Who?

■ Will the alliance of poet laureate Ted Hughes and Who guitarist Pete Townshend produce a rock-opera to remember? Benedict Nightingale at *The Iron Man*

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BERNARD LEVIN

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PHILIP HOWARD

When President Carlos Menem visits the Argentine contingent in the United Nations peace-keeping force on Cyprus at the weekend, he will come officially as Presidente de la Nación Argentina. Britons will carry on calling him and his soldiers Argentinians, but in Spanish, a native of the Argentine could be an Argentinian only if the country were called Argentinia ..... **Page 20**

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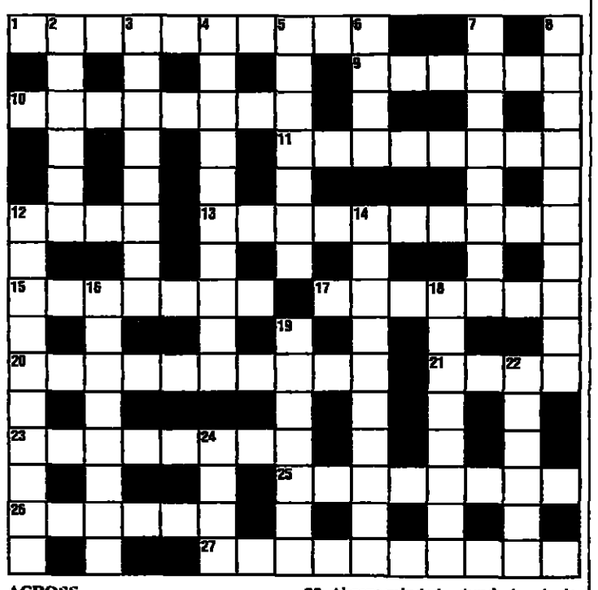
Gridlock [in Congress] has given way, but less to consensus than to government by grudging majority — and some of the harder fights are yet to come

— The Washington Post

In announcing a half percentage point cut in interest rates, the British government has underlined a dilemma which should be faced by other European nations: how can you go for growth without reviving inflation?

— Le Monde

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ACROSS

1 Captain converted money at the border (10).
9 It's fashionable now to like old colour (6).
10 Subscribed a shilling at first as specified (8).
11 Surrounded by stuff, hothead's become too excited (8).
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13 Something passed on when odd man out (4-2-4).
15 Barman needing to lose a stone to become light (7).
17 Bend one's knee in bed (7).
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27 In France, my term's arranged round painting in Paris area (10).

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3 Troubles in a long run causing theatre closures (8).
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5 Collapse in opening (7).
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16 Navigational aid sailor put under masts (4,4).
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WEATHER

After a cold start with frost in places and patchy fog, much of the country will have a dry day with bright intervals. Parts of southern England, the Midlands and Wales will have a good deal of cloud at times, with drizzly rain possible in the west. Northern Ireland and northwest Scotland will become very windy. It will be mild in the South West, but some eastern areas will be cold. Outlook: mainly dry and cold.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle, lg=log; s=sun; sl=sleet, sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	17	63	s	Majorca	15	59	r
Akrotiri	21	70	f	Malaga	16	61	s
Alex'dria	22	72	c	Malta	21	70	s
Algiers	16	61	s	Melb'rne	17	63	s
Amst'dm	2	36	s	Mexico C*	20	68	s
Athens	10	50	c	Miami*	19	66	r
Bahrain	27	81	s	Milan	3	37	sg
Bangkok	27	81	f	Montreal*	-2	28	s
Barbados*	30	86	f	Moscow	-10	14	sn
Barcelona	14	57	r	Munich	-3	27	c
Beirut	17	63	f	Nairobi	23	73	s
Belgrade	0	32	s	Naples	13	55	f
Berlin	-2	28	s	N Delhi	22	72	s
Bermuda*	25	77	f	N York*	13	55	c
Biarritz	11	52	c	Nice	16	61	s
Borde'x	8	46	c	Oslo	0	32	sn
Brussels	6	43	s	Paris	6	43	s
Budapst	-1	30	c	Peking	6	43	s
B Aires*	24	75	f	Perth	21	70	c
Cairo	22	72	f	Prague	-2	28	c
Cape Tn	27	81	s	Reykjavik	1	34	f
Chicago*	7	45	c	Rhodes	17	63	s
Ch'church	13	55	c	Rio de J	31	88	f
Cologne	5	41	s	Riyadh	28	82	s
C'phagn	1	34	f	Rome	14	57	s
Corfu	16	61	s	Salzburg	-3	27	c
Dublin	8	46	r	S F'risco*	10	50	s
Dubrovnik	14	57	s	Santiago*	26	79	s
Faro	17	63	s	Seoul	6	43	c
Florence	11	52	s	Sing'por	25	77	r
Frankfurt	1	34	s	St'kholm	-2	28	c
Funchal	17	63	f	Strasb'rg	-1	30	c
Geneva	4	39	c	Sydney	20	68	c
Gibraltar	17	63	f	Tangier	17	63	f
Helsinki	-3	27	sn	Tel Aviv	19	66	c
Hong K	15	59	f	Tenerife	19	66	f
Innsbruck	5	41	s	Tokyo	13	55	s
Istanbul	5	41	r	Toronto*	1	34	c
Jeddah	32	90	s	Tunis	15	59	r
Jo'burg*	14	57	f	Valencia	13	55	f
L Palmas	17	63	r	Vanc'ver*	-3	27	s
Le Toquet	4	39	c	Venice	8	46	s
Lisbon	13	55	s	Vienna	-1	30	c
Locarno	6	43	s	Warsaw	-4	25	c
L Angels*	17	63	c	Wash'ton*	15	59	c
Luxembg	3	37	c	Wel'ngton	15	59	lg
Luxor	26	79	s	Zurich	-2	28	lg
Madrid	10	50	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	5.3	0.12	-6	21	sunny
Anglesey	-	0.09	4	39	rain
Aviemore	4.3	-	0	32	sunny
Belfast	-	-	5	41	cloudy
Birmingham	-	-	1	34	snow
Bognor Regis	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Bournemouth	-	0.10	8	46	rain
Bristol	-	0.06	5	41	sleet
Buxton	-	-	-1	30	dull
Cardiff	-	0.13	5	41	rain
Clacton	-	-	4	39	cloudy
Cromer	4.0	-	3	37	sunny
Eskdalemuir	2.1	-	0	32	cloudy
Exmouth	0.2	0.36	8	46	hail
Falmouth	2.5	0.59	11	52	rain
Folkestone	-	-	4	39	cloudy
Glasgow	0.7	-	0	32	cloudy
Guernsey	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Hastings	-	-	5	41	cloudy
Hunstanton	2.6	-	3	37	bright
Isle of Man	-	0.03	5	41	rain
Jersey	0.7	-	7	45	cloudy
Kinloss	4.5	-	-1	30	fog
Leeds	-	-	1	34	snow
Lerwick	3.0	-	5	41	bright
Littlehampton	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Liverpool	-	-	2	36	cloudy
London	-	-	4	39	cloudy
Lowestoft	0.9	-	4	39	bright
Manchester	0.1	-	3	37	snow
Minehead	-	X 0.11	5	41	sleet
Morecambe	-	-	2	36	snow
Newcastle	1.9	-	-2	28	bright
Newquay	0.2	0.24	10	50	rain
Nottingham	-	-	1	34	snow
Penzance	3.0	0.35	11	52	rain
Plymouth	2.0	0.52	10	50	rain
Poole	-	0.09	7	45	rain
Saunton Snd	0.2	0.26	9	48	rain
Scilly Isles	3.8	0.30	11	52	rain
Shanklin	-	0.06	6	43	rain
Southend	-	-	3	37	dull
Southsea	-	0.01	7	45	rain
Stornoway	-	-	5	41	cloudy
Swanage	-	0.11	9	48	rain
Teignmouth	0.4	0.41	9	48	rain
Tenby	-	0.64	9	48	rain
Tiree	-	-	5	41	cloudy
Torquay	0.1	0.30	9	48	rain
Weymouth	-	0.07	9	48	rain
Wick	3.6	-	3	37	sunny

x denotes not available
These are Wednesday's figures

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 10C (50F), min 6pm to 6am, 4C (39F). Humidity, 6pm, 73 per cent. Rain 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun 24hr to 6pm, 4.5hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,027.3 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp, St Mary's, Isles of Scily, 11C (52F), lowest day max, Aviemore Highland, -15C (5F), highest rainfall Tenby Dyfed, 0.64in, highest sunshine Aberdeen, 5.3hr

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 9C (48F); min 6pm to 6am, 1C (34F). Rain, 24hr to 6pm, 0.01in. Sun 24hr to 6pm, 2.6hr

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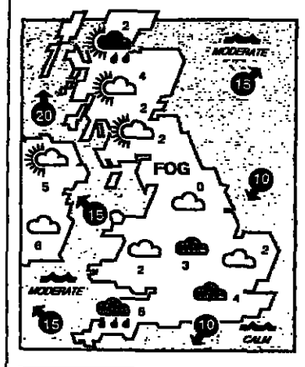
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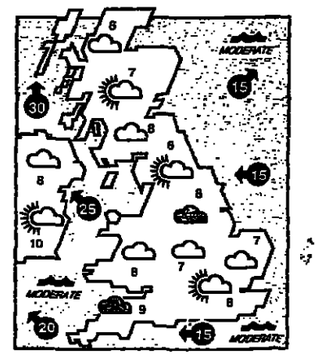
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Australia $	2.34	2.14
Austria Sch	18.77	17.27
Belgium Fr	56.66	52.26
Canada $	2.062	1.922
Cyprus Cypf	0.790	0.740
Denmark Kr	10.65	9.85
Finland Mkk	9.29	8.49
France Fr	9.22	8.52
Germany Dm	2.68	2.47
Greece Dr	381.50	356.50
Hong Kong $	12.14	11.14
Ireland Pt	1.10	1.02
Italy Lira	2594.00	2439.00
Japan Yen	179.00	159.50
Malta Mtl	0.620	0.565
Netherlands Gld	2.990	2.760
Norway Kr	11.61	10.81
Portugal Esc	269.50	251.00
South Africa Rd	5.70	4.80
Spain Pta	213.50	199.50
Sweden Kr	13.02	12.22
Switzerland Fr	2.35	2.17
Turkey Lira	20800.0	19800.0
USA $	1.565	1.455

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

6AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 3.59 pm to 7.37 am
Bristol 4.09 pm to 7.46 am
Edinburgh 3.49 pm to 8.11 am
Manchester 3.58 pm to 7.54 am
Penzance 4.28 pm to 7.52 am

Sun rises: 7.37 am
Sun sets: 3.59pm
Moon sets: 4.39 am
Moon rises: 2.24 pm
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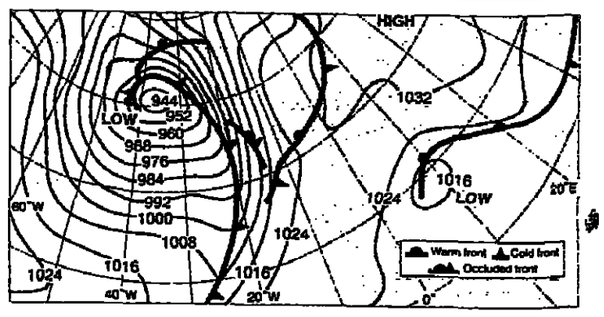
Temperatures at midday yesterday c, cloud, f, fair; lg, log, r, rain, s, sun

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	7	45	c	Guernsey	9	48	c
B'mgham	8	46	f	Inverness	3	37	r
Blackpool	7	45	f	Jersey	6	43	lg
Bristol	10	50	c	London	10	50	c
Cardiff	9	48	c	M'nchster	7	45	r
Edinburgh	4	39	s	Newcastle	4	39	s
Glasgow	3	37	r	R'nldsway	9	48	r

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11.54	6.4	—	—	Liverpool	9.14	8.3	9.28	8.5
Aberdeen	11.34	3.8	17.43	3.8	Lowestoft	7.09	2.3	8.07	2.3
Avonmouth	4.57	11.3	5.22	11.6	Margate	9.52	4.3	10.26	4.4
Belfast	8.57	3.1	9.14	3.1	Milford Haven	4.07	6.0	4.27	6.2
Cardiff	4.42	10.5	5.07	10.8	Newquay	3.02	6.0	3.21	6.2
Devonport	3.26	4.8	3.44	4.9	Oban	3.38	3.4	4.00	3.7
Dover	8.58	5.9	9.25	5.9	Penzance	2.31	4.6	2.48	4.9
Falmouth	2.58	4.6	3.14	4.7	Portland	4.16	1.8	4.29	1.7
Glasgow	11.01	4.5	11.25	4.5	Portsmouth	9.10	4.4	9.33	4.2
Harwich	9.36	3.6	10.09	3.7	Shoreham	9.05	5.5	9.31	5.5
Holyhead	6.29	4.9	6.37	5.1	Southampton	9.02	4.1	9.19	4.0
Hull	4.06	6.5	4.41	6.5	Swansea	4.12	8.2	4.34	8.5
Ilfracombe	3.48	7.9	4.09	8.2	Tees	1.19	4.8	1.52	4.8
King's Lynn	4.09	5.8	4.44	5.7	W'ton-on-Nze	9.35	3.7	10.06	3.9
Leith	12.04	4.8	12.39	5.0					

NOON TODAY



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THE TIMES

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 26 1993



ADRIAN BROOKS

Peter Wood, founder of Direct Line, is to set up another insurance company with the Royal Bank of Scotland to target higher-risk markets

Direct Line founder paid £24m to buy out contract

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

ROYAL Bank of Scotland is to pay £24 million to buy out the lucrative contract of Peter Wood, the founder and chief executive of Direct Line, the bank's insurance subsidiary.

As part of the agreement, RBS and Mr Wood will set up a new insurance company, which will not compete with Direct Line, targeting higher-risk customers.

The move came after the bank revealed that Mr Wood earned £18.2 million in the year to end-September after Direct Line's profits more than trebled to £50.2 million. The payment compares with £6 million in the previous year and £1.6 million for 1991.

Mr Wood has been embarrassed by the publicity generated by his pay and has been negotiating a change to his contract for some months, although he said that he will probably lose out financially under the new arrangements.

Mr Wood negotiated the contract after he sold the bank his 25 per cent stake in Direct Line in 1990. The payments were based on a percentage of the year-on-year increased capital value of the business.

George Mathewson, chief executive of RBS, described the bonus payments as "a capital reward to Peter for having created a huge capital asset" for RBS.

Under the new agreement, Mr Wood will receive a special bonus of £13 million based on conservative estimates of what he would have received under his rolling three-year contract.

He will also receive a £7 million one-off payment to his pension scheme and a £4 million accrued bonus for the current financial year to January 13, when the agreement will be submitted for approval by shareholders. Under a new service agreement, Mr Wood will be paid an index-linked annual salary of £350,000.

As part of the deal, he will invest £8 million in RBS shares, taking his holding to 0.35 per cent of the bank's issued share capital. He already owns shares worth £2 million.

Mr Wood will put £1 million into the new, as yet unnamed, company for a 40 per cent stake that will give him 51 per cent of voting rights. RBS will invest £1.5 million for 60 per cent of shares in the new company and a further £22.5 million for 22.5 million 5 per cent cumulative redeemable preference shares.

The new company will target higher-risk markets in motor and household insurance. Mr Wood estimates that Direct Line's target motor market is 12 million customers, while the new company will target the 6 million drivers who are not accepted by Direct Line.

It will use Direct Line's formula of selling directly to customers by phone. Mr Wood will be non-executive chairman with a £20,000 salary.

Lord Younger, chairman of RBS, said Direct Line was of "increasing importance to our income and therefore to the income stream for our shareholders".

Mr Wood started the company in 1985 with backing from RBS. It is now the Britain's biggest motor insurer, having taken over from Norwich Union, with 1.25 million policyholders, and is forecasting 2 million by the end of next September.

In the year just ended, gross premiums received were £409.5 million, up 92 per cent on last year.

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BAe signs technology deal with Indonesia

BY ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Aerospace has signed a wide-ranging technology agreement with Indonesia, involving possible joint development of turboprop aircraft and manufacture of a Rover-engineered car, probably in West Java.

This progress on possible turboprop production will reinforce concerns over the future of BAe's Prestwick Aircraft business in Scotland, where 2,500 are employed on turboprop production. The talks reflect BAe's desire to cut the costs of its loss-making regional aircraft businesses by finding overseas partners.

The company is also hoping elections this weekend in Taiwan will enable talks to restart over long-delayed plans for Taiwan Aerospace Corporation to take a half-share of Avro International, BAe's regional jet business. But the agreement to co-operate with Indonesian state manufacturers, signed on Tuesday, is also thought to involve a drive by BAe to win additional defence orders by assisting in civil technology transfers.

Earlier this year, Indonesia agreed to pay £500 million for 24 Hawk training aircraft. Tuesday's deal was signed by Indonesia's technology minister, Dr B J Habibie, who has said the order could be extended to 96 if BAe will help his country's industrialisation.

Dick Evans, BAe's chief executive, said the agreements "confirm a well-founded relationship between Indonesia's strategic industries and British Aerospace, and we are now working towards extensive industrial collaboration.

The agreement for BAe's Rover subsidiary to help Indonesia design, develop and manufacture a new small car, using a Rover engine and floor pan, is an important strategic move as well as an international vote of confidence in Rover's revival. Like its foreign rivals, Rover is turning to international collaboration to spread the cost of product development and raise production volumes. Rover is already in advanced talks with Kia, the South Korean carmaker, about joint development of a V6 engine based on Rover's K-series power-plant.

The Indonesian car, to be built by a state company at a site still to be identified, is expected to go into production within three years and quickly achieve output of up to 50,000 vehicles a year. Although primarily for the domestic market, it will also be exported to the Pacific rim. That would provide additional exports of more than £50 million a year for Rover's K-series 1.1 litre engine, built at Longbridge, Birmingham, as well as orders for many Rover component suppliers.

Although talks over regional aircraft manufacture are still developing, it is clear BAe will never again develop a civil plane alone. The Prestwick business lost £60 million in the first half. IPTN, the Indonesian state manufacturer, is already getting help from BAe to win European certification for its smaller CN235 turboprop; BAe's smaller Jetstream aircraft have been successful.

But IPTN's next plane, the N250 set for roll-out in a year, is a 50-seater which would compete with BAe's slightly-larger ATP turbo-prop, now renamed the JS series, which has won only limited sales.

Airline sues over ATP performance

A WRIT claiming US$70 million in damages to compensate for the alleged poor performance of three aircraft has been served on BAe and CIBC Finance, a leasing company, by EuroAir, a Portuguese regional airline. (Ross Tieman writes).

The writ, concerning BAe's 70-seat Advanced Turbo-Prop, now renamed the JS71 and built at Prestwick in Scotland, alleges three deficiencies in the planes. BAe declined to comment on the details but said: "There are 50 ATPs operating successfully at the moment with airlines in the UK and elsewhere in the world." There were no provisions in BAe's accounts to cover such a claim.

EuroAir, a small private airline, was BAe's first export customer for the type, taking delivery of three ATPs in 1988 to open a new business service between Oporto and Lisbon. However, the writ alleges that the aircraft had difficulty operating in poor weather, suffered recurrent failures of their Pratt & Witney engines and proved costly to run, preventing the airline operating a reliable service.

A EuroAir spokesman said the planes were withdrawn by the financing company in 1992 "because the payments had not been kept up".

Continental recession 'holding UK back'

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

MANUFACTURERS expect output to continue to rise into the new year, but export orders are at their lowest level since February, the Confederation of British Industry said yesterday.

Unveiling its last monthly manufacturing trends survey before next Tuesday's Budget, the employers' organisation said that while domestic demand had improved, Britain's recovery was being held back by recession in continental Europe.

Although 28 per cent of the 1,460 firms surveyed expect to increase output over the coming four months, 16 per cent expect a fall.

The figures show optimism among companies has increased slightly since October but remains below the levels of August and September. The longer than expected continental recession has caused the CBI sharply to downgrade its growth expectations for the economy next year. Although the rise in GDP this year is now projected at 1.9 per cent, up 0.2 per cent on earlier expectations, GDP growth in 1994 is now expected to be 2.4 per cent rather than the 3 per cent anticipated as recently as August.

Dr Andrew Sentance, the CBI's economics director, called on Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, to concentrate on cutting the public sector deficit in his Budget, rather than announcing any increase in taxes.

Brent slides as Opec fails to cut production

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

FAILURE by Opec to even attempt to throttle back output sent the oil price tumbling to its lowest level for five years, with the benchmark Brent crude falling 87 cents to $14.27 a barrel, before closing at $14.55. Oil analysts said the decision to leave the output ceiling unchanged, despite persistently weak prices, would lead to more price falls in the weeks ahead.

The average price of the mix of crude prices monitored by Opec, has in recent weeks been almost $7 below the producer cartel's target price of $21 per barrel.

Ministers meeting in Vienna had been expected to agree to reduce output, albeit by a token amount. Instead, they produced a surprise decision to leave the 24.5 million barrels per day ceiling, set in September, unchanged until March. Ministers sought to defend their decision, predicting that demand for crude oil would pick up as winter deepened in the northern hemisphere. Gholamreza Aqazadeh, the Iranian minister, said the price was "too low" but that it would rise in a week or two.

The 12 producer countries expect higher demand this winter in North America and Europe to reduce the oversupply. Before the meeting, forecasters suggested Opec was about to lower its output target by several hundred thousand barrels per day.

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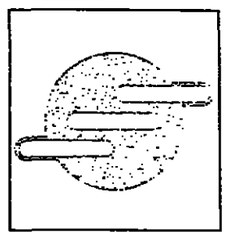


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Trademarks Bill will sink counterfeiters


McLoughlin: lobbied

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

THE government unveiled a Bill yesterday that will once more make it illegal to sell counterfeit goods in Britain. It will also greatly extend British companies' trademark protection.

According to trade associations, counterfeiting has reached record levels and is costing companies hundreds of millions of pounds each year. Yet protection for both companies and consumers from dishonest traders has been weakened by recent case law.

Provisions in the Trademarks Bill will reinforce the powers of trading standards officers to crack down on sales of counterfeit music cassettes, perfume, sportswear, watches and other goods.

At the same time, the Bill will make it simpler and cheaper for companies to protect unique ideas, and easier for them to copyright distinctive shapes or geographical connections. Coca-Cola will be able to register its distinctive bottles in Britain for the first time. Manufacturers will also be able to gain protection for regional products, which has previously been extremely difficult to achieve in the courts.

Anthea Worsdall, secretary of the Anti-Counterfeiting Group, said she hoped traders would have reason to welcome the "long overdue" Bill when they had examined its fine print. "We hope it will remove some of the problem areas," she said.

Publishing the Bill yesterday, Patrick McLoughlin, the trade minister, said business had lobbied hard for better protection for brands, which were sometimes valued in balance sheets at more than £100 million.

"Trademarks are among a company's most valuable assets," he said. "It is important that they are properly protected."

The Bill will entirely replace the existing Trademarks Act 1938, which has been described by the trade department as cumbersome and often ineffective. Streamlined operation of the new arrangements is expected to save companies £60 million in the first year after implementation and then £30 million a year.

The legislation will clear the way for Britain to ratify the Madrid Protocol on the international registration of trademarks. Companies seeking overseas protection for products will be able to make a single application for trademark registration in all signatory states.

Procedures will also be simplified, and action against counterfeiting will become more straightforward when a vendor admits goods are fakes.

The Bill is designed to pave the way for harmonisation of UK trademark rules with those of the European Community, and any requirements agreed under the intellectual property measures of the current round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt), scheduled for completion on December 15.

Brokers back to big profits as Stock Exchange hits record

■ London stockbrokers are on course to make their first ever collective profit of more than £1 billion. But trading has been more difficult since the end of September

By Neil Bennett

ACTIVITY on the London stock market has soared to record levels and is earning bumper profits for the City's broking firms after years of losses, according to the Stock Exchange. The rise in share prices has also tempted private investors back into the market.

The exchange's quarterly markets review shows that British and Irish shares worth a record £147 billion were traded on the market during the third quarter of the year. This beats the previous high of £143 billion, which was set in the third quarter of 1987. During the three months, dealers were closing an average of 40,000 bargains a day, worth a total of £2.3 billion.

Trading in overseas shares was even higher, reaching £161 billion. The activity was particularly frantic during August, as dealers struggled to cope with bargains worth £2.8 billion every day.

The intense activity on the market, caused by rising share prices, made brokers a profit of £573 million in the first half of the year. This contrasts with a profit of £131 million in the first six months of 1992. Unless disaster strikes the market between now and Christmas, broking firms are collectively on course for their first ever £1 billion profit.

Their profits have been helped by the reappearance of private investors, who increased their share of market turnover from 14 to 16 per cent, the first rise since 1989. As a result, the average size of each bargain fell from £43,000 to £38,000.

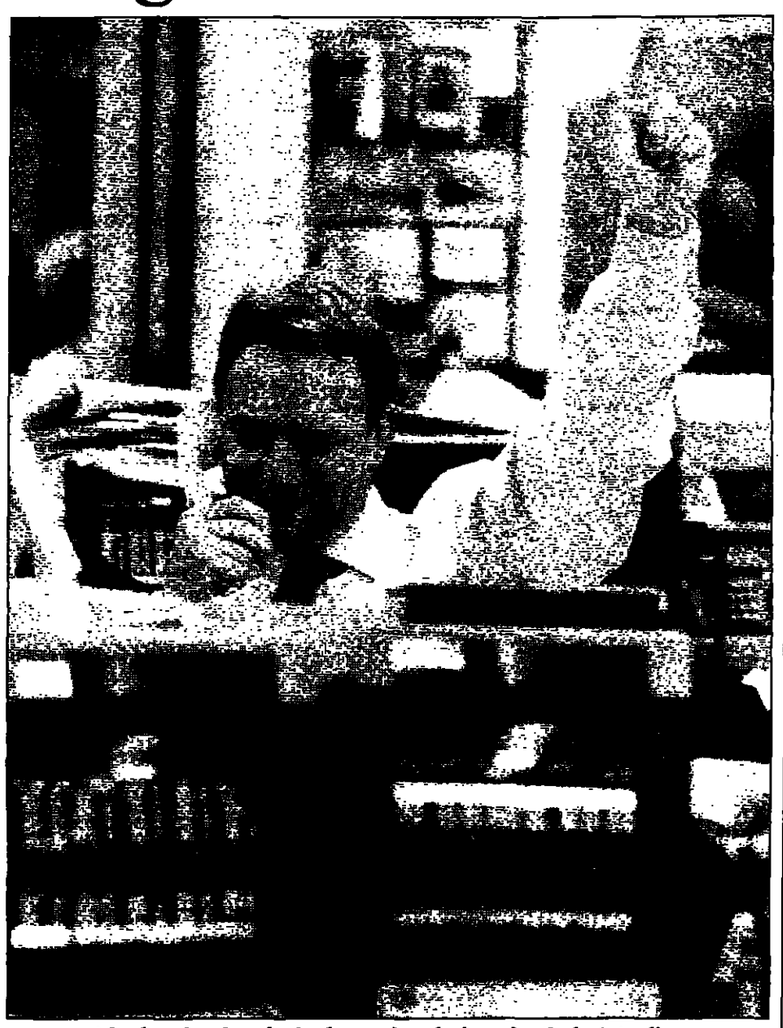
The strong markets have encouraged companies to float or raise money on the market. Rights issues raised £9.6 billion in the first nine months of the year, and the total for the year should pass the record £10.1 billion, set in 1991. More than 100 companies have taken full listings.

The chairman of a leading broking house said that the whole industry had profited from the rising markets. "It has been a cracking nine months, not only in this country, but everywhere in the world. If you have not made money this year, you never will."

He said, however, that trading has become more difficult since October, after the market peaked and dropped sharply on one or two days. "November has not been easy and people may not have quite a good time next year as they have had recently."

☐ Lord Alexander of Weedon will be resigning from the board of the Stock Exchange on December 31, because of his appointment as deputy chairman of the Securities and Investments Board.

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A broker signals a rise in share prices during a hectic day's trading

Ferranti chief warns rebels

By Susan Gilchrist

EUGENE Anderson, chairman of Ferranti, the troubled defence group, has warned rebel shareholders that administration is not a viable alternative to GEC's token 1p-a-share bid.

In a circular sent to Ferranti's 48,000 shareholders, Mr Anderson says any attempt to place the company into administration will almost certainly be blocked by its banks, which are owed about £100 million. As secured creditors, the banks are likely to favour receivership, which protects their interests, rather than administration, which protects the interests of the company and other unsecured creditors.

The move follows pressure from John Katz, chairman of the Ferranti Shareholders' Support Association, who has claimed that administration was "a better route" for the company.

However, Mr Anderson said yesterday: "Administration is a non-starter. It would have to be someone with a gilded tongue who could persuade the banks to give up their preferred position."

The letter to shareholders also seeks to refute Mr Katz's claims that the GEC offer fails to value fairly Ferranti's order book and installed base, its pension fund surplus, tax losses and goodwill.

Mr Anderson, who has less than two weeks to muster the 90 per cent of shareholder acceptances needed for the GEC offer to proceed, said it would be "a close-run thing" but insisted the deal was the only option to receivership.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Japanese bank figures hurt by bad debts

JAPAN's leading banks managed to avoid red ink on their profit statements, in spite of huge provisions for bad debts, when they announced their mid-year results yesterday. Operating profits at the 11 largest commercial banks including Sumitomo, Sanwa and Mitsubishi totalled Y1.16 trillion (£7.25 billion), down 10.6 per cent.

Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank, which has larger assets than any other in the world, revealed its heaviest-ever provision against bad debts of Y164.2 billion (£995 million) for the half year. The bank's pre-tax half-year profits fell by 56 per cent to Y20.53 billion (£128 million), and it blamed defaulted loans taken on during the late 1980s when land and share prices soared to three or four times their fundamental values. The bank said its non-performing loans totalled Y1.37 trillion (£8.3 billion).

GEC Alsthom in action

DAEWOO Heavy Industries has filed an injunction in a Korean court against GEC Alsthom to stop it from negotiating with the government on a £1.5 billion high-speed train line contract. Daewoo last week warned GEC Alsthom that it was considering legal action after the group announced its choice of Hyundai Precision and Industry as the leading partner in the consortium to manufacture parts of the train. Daewoo alleges that GEC Alsthom, maker of the train, agreed to an exclusive technology transfer agreement last December, in effect choosing Daewoo as the leading local partner.

Shanks' interim dives

A SHARP drop in the amount of hazardous waste material handled by Shanks & McEwan Group acted as a drain on first-half profits. It plunged to £9.4 million in the six months to end-September, down from £16 million last time, as turnover fell to £63.2 million (£78.1 million), largely reflecting a decline in turnover and losses at the construction division. Earnings slide to 3.5p (6.5p) a share, but the interim dividend is maintained at 2.24p. The group also unveiled reorganisation plans that will involve job losses and a £5 million provision. Shanks shares tumbled 22p to 98p.

Gilts help Cater Allen

BETTER trading opportunities in gilt-edged securities helped Cater Allen Holdings, the discount house, futures, banking and Lloyd's agencies group, to a 35.9 per cent advance in pre-tax profits to £9.85 million in the six months to end-October. Discount house profits nearly doubled to £4.87 million (£2.59 million). Cater Allen incurred a slightly greater-than-expected loss of £1.12 million (£838,000 loss) in its Lloyd's agencies. Group profits were boosted by an exceptional tax credit of £1 million. Earnings rose to 31p (21p) a share. The interim dividend is increased to 8p (7p).

AAH shares slide

SHARES in AAH Holdings, the pharmaceuticals wholesaler and retailer, slid 16p to 479p as growth in interim profits failed to match up to City expectations. AAH reported a 9 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £19.1 million for the six months to end-September. The rise in profits, fuelled by strong growth in drug sales, was restrained by flagging fortunes in the environmental services and distribution services divisions. Overall turnover increased 13.7 per cent to £773.1 million and earnings per share fell 4.5 per cent to 14.7p. The interim dividend was lifted from 5.8p to 6p.

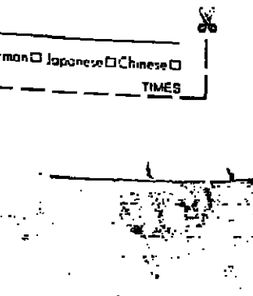
Celltech valued at £176m

WHAT is claimed to be the largest flotation so far undertaken by any European biotechnology company takes place next month when Celltech comes to the market with a £176.5 million price tag. The float is a placing and public offer of 20 million ordinary shares at 250p. Celltech is raising £30 million before expenses. Celltech's net cash, following the issue, will be £45 million, to be used to finance the existing development programme and, in due course, the commercialisation of its products. Of the shares, 72.5 per cent will be distributed in Britain and the rest in Switzerland.

Tay calls for funds

TAY Homes, the Leeds housebuilder, is raising £10.2 million by means of a rights issue to strengthen its balance sheet and fund expansion. Tay plans to be a nationwide business in the medium term and believes there are good opportunities to buy housing land at attractive prices. Investors are being offered one new share for every three held at 145p each. Sales and reservations were currently up more than 10 per cent on a year ago, reflecting a strong recovery in Scotland. The North and Midland regions were trading at about the same, while the North West and South West were slightly down.

Club group restructures



EUROPEAN Leisure, the nightclub and snooker hall operator, is to issue new shares at 1p to raise £1.75 million, and reschedule its remaining bank debts, to achieve stability after past unwise expansion. Clive Bastin, right, the chairman, told shareholders that failure to approve the measures would "seriously jeopardise" the group's ability to continue trading. In the year to end-June, it made £221,000 pre-tax profits (£54.9 million loss). There is no dividend.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

MORLAND & CO (Fin)
Pre-tax: £8.87m (£5.55m)
EPS: 29.1p (16.5p)
Div: 6.96p, mkg 9.74p
Last time's total dividend was 8.4p. Turnover rose to £50.9m (£40.9m). Sales of own ales grew 29% and production at the brewery rose 50%.

TOMKINSONS (Fin)
Pre-tax: £1.13m (£1.05m)
EPS: 12.2p (10.3p)
Div: 8p, mkg 11.5p
Last time's total dividend was 11.5p. Turnover grew to £20.5m (£19.7m). UK branded sales saw 5.1% growth in turnover and market share rose.

QUADRAMATIC
Pre-tax: £1.57m (£4.6m)
EPS: 5.1p (9.2p)
Turnover: £13.2m (£27m)
Preliminary results for six months. Comparative figures are pro forma for the previous 12 months. Board recommends a final dividend of 1p.

MCLEOD RUSSEL (Fin)
Pre-tax: £5.16m (£4.94m)
EPS: 7.54p (7.46p)
Div: 3.35p, mkg 6.1p
Last time's total dividend was 6p. Turnover rose to £88.4m (£43.4m). Company has made a good start in rebuilding former Wheway business.

JOHN FOSTER & SON (Int)
Pre-tax: £921,000 loss
LPS: 8.4p (16.9p)
Div: None
There was a loss of £1.9m last time. Turnover fell to £8.38m (£10m). Company plans further asset sales, including property, in second half.

GEI INTERNATIONAL (Int)
Pre-tax: £131,000
EPS: 0.21p (1.31p)
Div: Nil (2.47p)
There was a profit of £1.03m last time. Turnover dipped to £37.6m (£38.2m). Company said trading conditions remain difficult.

MACDONALD MARTIN
Pre-tax: £2.16m (£2.69m)
EPS: 10.46p (13.08p)
Div: 2.266p (2.20p)
Interim results. Earnings and dividend shown are for A shares. Earning per B share: 5.23p (6.54p). Dividend per B share: 1.133p (1.1p).

CHLORIDE GROUP (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.32m
EPS: 0.1p (LPS: 1.6p)
Div: Nil (nil)
There was a loss of £2.73m last time. Turnover rose to £51.8m (£45.4m). Company has started second half with a much stronger order book.

POLICY PORTFOLIO (Int)
Pre-tax: £429,000
EPS: 4.3p (4.5p)
Div: 1.5p
There was a profit of £370,000 last time. Turnover climbed to £5.31m (£3.56m). Company said market is becoming increasingly competitive.

Non-paying countries spurned

By Colin Narbrough

THE government has firmly rejected a call from the recession-gripped construction industry for increased support in key areas to expand exports to the developing world, including the emergent economies of the former Soviet bloc.

Richard Needham, the trade minister, told the Export Group for the Constructional Industries, that the government was not in favour of backing firms in deals with economies that were unable to pay, but wanted to help them focus on developing countries that were "not broke".

He was responding to an appeal from Frank Kennedy, the Export Group president. Mr Kennedy underlined that the British construction industry has a huge reservoir of skilled people to draw on for export projects in the developing world, where a third of its construction activity took place last year.

Business economists oppose tough deficit-cutting Budget

By Janet Bush, Economics Correspondent

WIDESPREAD opposition to a tough deficit-cutting Budget next week emerges from a survey by the Society of Business Economists published today. In addition, about two-thirds of respondents believe that interest rates will be cut by another half point to 5 per cent by the end of this year.

Although 62 per cent of those surveyed said they expected Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, to announce a fiscal tightening of as little as £2 billion to as much as £5 billion, almost exactly the same proportion urged Mr Clarke to avoid exactly this. The survey showed that 36 per cent of respondents believe he should present a neutral Budget with no tightening of fiscal policy while 23 per cent argued for a fiscal easing.

The society's forecasting group chairman is David Kern, chief economist of NatWest Bank.

The survey showed widespread support — about two-thirds of respondents — for an extension of the VAT base by imposing the tax on items currently exempt or zero rated, but there was considerable opposition to the imposition of VAT on fuel.

There was also strong support for a further reduction in mortgage interest tax relief and a small majority in favour of cutting the 1994/5 public spending planning total.

The society also surveyed its members on the economic outlook. On inflation, a large majority of 74 per cent believe the underlying rate of inflation will be within the government's 1 per cent to 4 per cent target range this time next year. An even larger majority of 81 per cent predict that the current account deficit will exceed £10 billion in 1994.

'Industry investment vital'

LORD Alexander, National Westminster Bank chairman, last night urged the government to create an economic environment that would enable manufacturing industry to recover and small firms to thrive (Patricia Tehan writes).

Giving the GKN Lecture at Cambridge University, he said: "We can achieve no success in the medium term without the foundation of low inflation. Nor, as is now widely recognised, can we do so without enhancing our manufacturing industry and exporting more."

Greater investment in management competency, on-the-job skills, and research and development were needed together with a tax regime to stimulate investment and encourage businesses to reinvest, he said.

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Giving credit where it's due

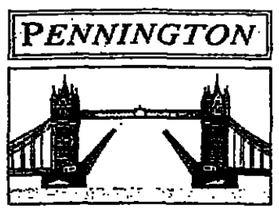
☐ EXECUTIVES sticking their snouts in the trough is one thing, money earned by creating wealth quite another. Those who so predictably and instantly damned the £42 million Royal Bank of Scotland plans to pay Peter Wood in bonuses and to buy out his bonus scheme, evidently do not know the difference. Mr Wood, the workaholic computer expert who founded and still drives the Direct Line insurance company, is a creator. He came up with an idea that has revolutionised the motor insurance industry and, by resource-saving technical advance rather than mere discounting, has saved most of its 1.25 million customers money as well as building, in eight years, a company that now makes up a hefty proportion of the Royal Bank group's worth. Without Mr Wood's idea and determination, Direct Line would not exist and our living standards would be that tiny bit lower.

Had Mr Wood retained his original 25 per cent stake in Direct Line, far fewer would begrudge the wealth he built up, which would probably be far more than he has been paid. By converting that stake into a bonus contract geared to the value created in Direct Line, he has become the butt of envy because of his huge "pay". He is converting the scheme back into capital to avoid that obloquy and probably losing again in the process. Don't worry, he can afford it. But the Wood saga rekindles the long-running argument about whether top managers should be paid so much that they earn the equivalent of creative entrepreneurs.

At its simplest, the argument is that companies want to attract top managers of such quality that they must be tempted with huge salaries, options and bonus schemes to make it worth their while to run an existing business rather than setting up their own with a chance of making themselves much richer.

That is far too simple. As long lists of big company disasters have shown, creative entrepreneurs who build empires from scratch are often not terribly good at running large corporations. The skills are different and it is by no means clear that people good at running big corporations are so indispensible. Groups such as Unilever, Shell and ICI may have been founded or brought together by creative business geniuses, but they go on delivering the goods because they have built management in depth, cadres of experienced, expert executives who typically have no more than five years at the top before the board chooses from among the next generation moving up the management production line. Managers who play at entrepreneur are as accident-prone as entrepreneurs running big corporations.

Too often, managers are given contracts that guarantee great riches for mere competence and hard work and a golden parachute for failure, or are brought in to companies in trouble with munificent contracts that will earn huge sums for doing a job any high quality accountant could manage. Such riches should be reserved for real stars — like Mr Wood.



Yeltsin, the rogue oil baron

PRODUCERS need commodity cartels in recessions, but they only work in a boom. Agreements to fix output can therefore, perversely, destabilise prices. Even consuming countries dislike that, so the western oil industry was equally anxious for Opec to shore up oil prices at its Vienna meeting. Traders were aghast that Opec failed to cut the six month quotas it agreed only two months ago and there is already dire talk of a collapse in prices forcing the group to take emergency action.

On paper, the relatively modest cut in Opec quotas the oil market was looking for — about 500,000 barrels per day or 2 per cent — should have taken the heat off stocks. Crucially for crude exporters, traders claim, its pychological impact would also have boosted users' confidence.

Opec can hardly be blamed for rejecting that argument. In effect, the Middle East barons admit they have lost control of the market. A small cut might have no effect, so it was not worth trying to remake the deal they had carefully and painfully worked out in September. That fixed quotas for a full six months at slightly below Opec September output, aiming to stabilise the oil price then gradually raise it in the new year as excess stocks unwound. Even properly sceptical analysts such as the Kleinwort Benson oil team thought it should work. The deal gained credibility because Saudi Arabia and the Emirates held their quotas back at summer levels, leaving room for Iran, Kuwait and others to rise. With Iraq still out of the frame, the quotas also amounted to 90 per cent of sustainable capacity for most of these members, reducing the incentive to cheat. In the event, there has still been minor backsliding and weak demand in good markets such as the Far East. But the real cause of surplus was beyond Opec's powers of prediction, let alone action.

As the Yeltsin medicine strikes Russia's market-ignoring heavy industries, the former Soviet Union's domestic demand has collapsed much faster than its oil output. Depressed exports have therefore risen, at times by up to half a million barrels a day. And since former customers in the Comecon bloc have no money, more of the exports are going to western markets. Opec is not used to such volatility in non-Opec trade. It has been reduced to urging other sectors, such as the North Sea, to share the pain, just as non-Opec western producers shamelessly hope Opec will help them out. Several Opec members, such as Nigeria and Algeria, have enough trouble at home without a price collapse so they might well press for emergency cuts if the price continues to fall.

Alternatively, Opec might be bailed out by a hard northern winter, worth between 500,000 and 1 million bpd. From this part of the northern hemisphere, that looks the best bet.

With luck, a record that is not a peak

☐ RECORD stock market turnover in shares should be a cause for celebration far beyond the professionals clutching eighties-style Christmas bonuses. Private investors have made a comeback, increasing their share of dealings, and the exchange has done a splendid job raising capital for business expansion, as the flood of profitable flotations and rights issues testifies. This being England, the land where good times do not last, there is also, however, an overwhelming temptation to look for the downside. You do not have to look far. Stock Exchange business does not move ever onward and upward, as it used to in Tokyo. Although things have been looking up for the past three years, the previous record was struck just before the October 1987 market crash. A rush of private investment and new issues often heralds the peak of a buil market and the professionals will remember that, for many thousands, those eighties' bonuses were rather too swiftly followed by Christmas P45s.

Maybe it will be different this time. This appears to be a much earlier stage of the economic and financial cycle than the summer of 1987, even without the benefit of hindsight. Securities houses will certainly hope that the recent downturn is strictly temporary. In the first half of 1993, even before the third quarter record, they were making a munificent average pre-tax return of more than 20 per cent on their capital. Over the past six years as a whole, however, the return averaged less than 5 per cent on the exchange's own figures, well below the cost of capital. They need more good years of billion pound profits to make it all worthwhile. For British pessimists, this looks a good time to sell a broking house.

South West Water pours out higher dividend

BY SARAH BAGNALL

SHARES of South West Water rose 3p to 569p in spite of static interim profits in line with City forecasts. Pre-tax profits for the six months to end-September rose 3 per cent to £50.3 million, but analysts were pleasantly surprised by the increase in the interim dividend from 7.8p to 8.4p.

Turnover surged 30 per cent to £125.7 million, reflecting strong performances from both the group's core regulated business and the non-regulated operations. The regulated business, which contributed £106.7 million to turnover and £54.6 million to operating profits, benefited from a 14 per cent rise in the water and sewage services tariff, coupled with new property connections. Ken Hill, finance director, said: "The tariff increase added £13 million to turnover, while 2,500 new property connections added £500,000."

Acquisitions helped the non-core, non-regulated businesses post a turnover of £35 million and operating profit of £1 million. Haul Waste, acquired this year from English China Clays, contributed £9 million to turnover and made a small contribution at the pre-tax level before interest. ELE Group, a distributor and manufacturer of environmental equipment, also acquired this year, made £8 million of turnover and posted a positive contribution to operating profits after interest.

Mr Hill said South West Water was unlikely to make any further significant acquisitions in the medium term. "However, we wouldn't rule out tuck under acquisitions. But we are going to focus on our core activities and our carefully crafted non-regulated businesses, which we expect to grow organically," he said.

Overall operating profits rose 32 per cent to £54.9 million, outstripping the rise in turnover due to close attention to cost control, which resulted in unchanged operating costs.

Capital expenditure was £82.1 million, slightly down from last time, but the company said it expected to more than catch up in the second half of the year. Analysts said the company's share price was overshadowed by uncertainty surrounding next year's periodic pricing review and the debate in Brussels over the appropriate timescale for the water companies to complete their capital expenditure programmes.

Hazlewood bears scars of food price war

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

EVIDENCE that Britain's food retailers are passing much of the pain of the supermarket price war on to their suppliers emerged yesterday from Hazlewood Foods, as the group revealed lower interim margins and warned that full year profits may not exceed last year.

Peter Barr, chairman, said: "Good sales growth is still being realised, but increasing pressure on manufacturing margins makes more challenging the achievement of an increase in full year profits."

Analysts interpreted this as a veiled profits warning and downgraded their forecasts from about £59 million to less than £55 million.

Pre-tax profits slipped from £24.7 million to £23.3 million for the six months to October 2. Excluding a £2.3 million write-off on the disposal of Luijckx, its Belgian chocolate business, last June, profits would have been slightly ahead at £25.6 million.

Turnover increased from £364.8 million to £403.9 million, but intensificaton of price competition among retailers took its toll on operating margins, which fell from 8.3 per cent to 7.8 per cent. The interim dividend is lifted from 2.3p to 2.4p.

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BPB soars ahead of City's forecasts

BY SARAH BAGNALL

FIRMING plasterboard prices, efficiency gains and volumes that were better than expected boosted interim profits by 60 per cent at BPB Industries, the building supplier.

Pre-tax profits for the six months to end-September rocketed from £27.5 million to £44 million, outstripping the most optimistic of analysts' forecasts. The City was expecting profits of £35 million to £40 million, and the company's good news prompted the shares to rise 13p to 280p.

The group said that underlying recovery in profitability was significantly stronger, but it was masked by a £8.3 million redundancy charge, relating mainly to reorganisation of the paper and packaging division. The dividend was lifted from 2.7p to 2.8p.

The £8.3 million charge pushed BPB's paper and packaging operations into an operating loss of £300,000. Without the hit, the division's operating profits would have risen £2.8 millllion from the £5.5 million achieved last time.

Building materials lifted operating profits by £19.9 million to £51.6 million on the back of increased turnover of £490.7 million, up from £464.9 million last time. Net interest paid fell 20 per cent to £11.8 million.

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"Our performance demonstrates our commitment to improving customer service, increasing efficiency and developing our businesses."

Murray Stuart
CHAIRMAN

Building on our Strengths

INTERIM RESULTS FOR SIX MONTHS TO 30 SEPTEMBER 1993

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

I am pleased to report that we have continued to build on our strengths, both financially and operationally. For the six months to 30 September 1993, pre-tax profit was £115.7 million, an increase of 21.5% on last year's £95.2 million. However, last year included an exceptional net charge of £13.3 million and, excluding this, the year on year pre-tax increase is 6.6%, in a period when the majority of our revenues have been capped by particularly low inflation, this is a good outcome.

Earnings per share rose 27% to 10.78p and your Board has declared an interim dividend of 4.13p per share, which will be paid on 11 March 1994, to shareholders registered on 11 February 1994. This represents an interim dividend increase of 11%.

Gearing on 30 September was very low, at 2.3%, with net borrowing of £20 million. Dividend and taxation payments of approximately £160 million in the second half of the year will increase net debt by the year end.

We continue to reduce costs and achieve greater efficiency. This is an ongoing process and we are working to demanding international benchmarks to achieve higher standards.

A new five year supply agreement with British Coal will make our fuel costs more competitive. This is effective from 1 April 1993, replacing our previous agreement which had two years to run, and the initial cost benefits are reflected in our half year figures.

We have accepted the revised price control proposed for our transmission business by The Office of Electricity Regulation (OFFER). By keeping our price increases to 1% below the rate of inflation, the Director General has recognised our already low operating costs. OFFER has set us a challenging target to reduce costs in the future and we believe that we can achieve this.

The upgraded transmission link to England and Wales, completed within budget at a gross cost of £85 million and ahead of schedule in September, has increased our ability to sell power outside Scotland by almost 75% from 1994/1995. Profitability in the first half of the current year improved because of higher prices in the English wholesale market although there are signs that this market shows modest weakening in price.

Our gas business, Caledonian Gas, has continued to win new customers and we are actively pressing for the Government to allow all gas consumers to enjoy the benefits of competition by 1998, the same timetable as full competition for all electricity customers.

The retail business has performed strongly and increased profitability, at the same time growing total market share.

Customer service remains one of our highest priorities and we are delighted and proud that our achievements have been recognised by two major awards. We have received the prestigious Government Charter Mark, which measures standards, information and openness, choice and consultation, courtesy and helpfulness, putting things right and value for money.

We also received The Electrical Review Customer Care Award; our commitment to elderly and disabled customers was highlighted by the South of Scotland Consumer's Committee and we have met 99.9% of performance standards set by OFFER.

Our performance during the first six months of the year demonstrates our commitment to improving customer service, increasing efficiency and developing our businesses.

Trading since September has continued in line with our expectations and we look forward to making further sustained progress in the full year.

Murray Stuart
Chairman
25 November 1993

GROUP PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
Unaudited

	Note	Six months ended 30 September 1993 £m	Six months ended 30 September 1992 (Restated) £m	Year ended 31 March 1993 (Restated) £m
Turnover from continuing operations	2	668.7	644.8	1495.6
Operating Profit	2	118.6	99.4	316.5
Net interest charge		(2.9)	(4.2)	(9.0)
Net premium charge on loan redemptions	3	-	-	(10.4)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		115.7	95.2	297.1
Taxation	4	(27.8)	(26.0)	(77.6)
Profit for the period		87.9	69.2	219.5
Dividends		(33.7)	(30.3)	(90.9)
Retained Profit	5	54.2	38.9	128.6
Earnings per Share	6	10.78p	8.49p	26.94p
Dividend per Share	7	4.13p	3.72p	11.15p
Dividend cover (times)		2.61	2.28	2.42

The accounts have been modified to reflect the requirements of Financial Reporting Standard 3 (FRS3). Accordingly, operating profit for the six months ended 30 September 1992 and for the year ended 31 March 1993 is now stated after net exceptional charges of £13.3 million, which last year were separately disclosed in the Profit and Loss Account. Details are given in Note 2. The figures for the six months ended 30 September 1992 have also been restated on a Group basis to be consistent with the presentation adopted at 31 March 1993.

GROUP BALANCE SHEET
Unaudited

	Note	30 September 1993 £m	30 September 1992 (Restated) £m	31 March 1993 £m
Fixed assets		1221.1	1115.5	1175.6
Current assets		358.3	492.5	325.0
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		(390.4)	(381.7)	(348.0)
Net current assets/(liabilities)		(32.1)	110.8	(23.0)
Total assets less current liabilities		1189.0	1226.3	1152.6
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		(142.0)	(284.0)	(142.0)
Provisions for liabilities and charges		(49.1)	(99.4)	(73.9)
Deferred income		(143.8)	(133.2)	(137.0)
Net assets		854.1	709.7	799.7
Capital and reserves				
Called up share capital		407.5	407.5	407.5
Share premium account		0.4	-	0.2
Reserves		0.2	0.1	0.1
Profit and loss account		446.0	302.1	391.8
Shareholders' Funds	8	854.1	709.7	799.6
Minority interest		-	-	0.1
		854.1	709.7	799.7
Gearing ratio	9	2.3%	1.1%	12.2%

NOTES 1. These interim results have been prepared on the basis of accounting policies consistent with those set out in the company's Directors' Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 1993. The information shown for the year ended 31 March 1993 does not constitute statutory accounts within the meaning of section 240 of the Companies Act 1985 and has been extracted from the full financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1993 filed with the Registrar of Companies. The report of the Auditors on these financial statements was unqualified.

2. Turnover from continuing operations for the periods ended 30 September 1992 and 31 March 1993 includes exceptional income of £9.7million in respect of a reassessment of energy losses in the transmission and distribution network. Operating profits for the periods ended 30 September 1992 and 31 March 1993 are stated after charging provisions for reorganisation and restructuring of the company's operations totalling £23 million. These sums were last year separately disclosed in the Profit and Loss Account as net exceptional items of £13.3 million.

3. On 15 December 1992 the group repurchased a £142 million 11.856% bond due in 2005 from HM Treasury at a premium of £18.4 million. The net premium charge on loan redemptions for the year ended 31 March 1993 reflects that payment less £8 million in respect of the write back of the unamortised balance of discount from earlier loan redemptions.

4. The charge for taxation reflects the anticipated effective rate for the year ending 31 March 1994 of 24% on the profit before taxation.

5. Retained profit for the period represents recognised gains and losses as defined by FRS3.

6. The earnings per share have been calculated by dividing the profit on ordinary activities after taxation of £87.9 million (1992 - £69.2 million) by 815,022,632, being the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue and ranking for dividend during the period (1992 - 814,825,575).

7. The interim dividend of 4.13p (net) per ordinary share (1992 - 3.72p) is payable on 11 March 1994 to shareholders on the register at 11 February 1994.

8. Reconciliation of movement in shareholders' funds:

	Six months ended 30 September 1993 £m	Six months ended 30 September 1992 £m	Year ended 31 March 1993 £m
Profit for the period	87.9	69.2	219.5
Dividends	(33.7)	(30.3)	(90.9)
Retained profit	54.2	38.9	128.6
Share capital issued	0.2	0.1	0.3
Increase in other reserves	0.1	-	-
Goodwill written off	-	(5.3)	(5.3)
	54.5	33.7	123.6

9. The gearing ratio reflects the level of net debt to capital and reserves at the Balance Sheet dates. Net debt comprises:

	30 September 1993 £m	30 September 1992 £m	31 March 1993 £m
Cash and short term deposits (included in current assets)	(130.8)	(288.3)	(57.0)
Long term borrowings	142.0	284.0	142.0
Bank overdraft	8.8	12.3	12.6
	20.0	8.0	97.6

ScottishPower

A copy of the ScottishPower Interim Report, containing full information on the company's results for the six months to 30 September 1993 can be obtained from Mr. Andrew Mitchell, Company Secretary, ScottishPower plc, 1 Atlantic Quay, Glasgow G2 8SP. Telephone 041 248 8200. Fax 041 636 4582.

ICI races ahead on talk of group recovery

SHARES of ICI raced back above the £7 level after one leading securities house claimed that a recovery in the group's fortunes might be just round the corner.

ICI finished the session 45p dearer at 719p, with almost 6 million shares changing hands, as Warburg Securities reiterated its buy stance after a crucial meeting in Brussels concerned with the rationalisation of Europe's petrochemical industry.

Agreement on rationalisation in Brussels is likely to result in a rise in petrochemical prices, including ethylene. ICI is one of Europe's biggest producers of ethylene, accounting for 4 per cent of the market.

Warburg said that ICI had been earning nothing from *petrochemicals*, but could achieve a normal level of return by as early as next year. Originally, it had been feared that recovery would not be forthcoming until 1997.

The rest of the equity market saw prices squeezed higher by the futures market after a hesitant start as the December series climbed back above the 3,100 level. Comments by the Bundesbank that there was still scope for a reduction in short-term interest rates also boosted sentiment.

In the event, the FT-SE 100 index closed at its best of the day, with a rise of 25.9 points to 3,093.1.

The reason for this sudden rush of enthusiasm in the future became apparent later in the day as a large protected

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programme trade began to register on the ticker.

The business was believed to have been carried out by *NatWest Securities. The large* lines of stock included 1 million **Asda**, ¼p firmer at 52¾p, 1.1 million **BAT Industries**, 11p better at 496p, 1.9 million **BP**, 1p lower at 342p, 2.2 million **BT**, 5½p dearer at 459½p, 1 million **Glaxo**, 15p better at 651p, 1.5 million **British Gas**, 1p easier at 323p, 1.8 million **Hanson**, 2½p harder at 281p, and 1.1 million **Shell**, 3p shy at 684p.

The programme trade also increased turnover to a respectable 696 million shares although business generally had been described as thin.

Ruberoid, floated off from Tarmac, got off to a confident *start in first-time trading, with* the price opening at 161p compared with the offer price of 150p. It later settled at 163p, a premium of 13p.

Biotrace, the bio-technology company specialising in foodstuffs, also scored a premium on its market debut. Placed at 130p, the shares ended at 145p, a premium of 15p.

BPB Industries responded to first-half figures that were better than expected with a rise of 11p to 278p. Firmer plasterboard prices combined with increased efficiency to fuel the recovery with pre-tax profits up 60 per cent at £44 million.

BPB's recovery and the comments on German interest rates rekindled support for the rest of the building sector, *with gains for* ***Blue Circle Industries***, up 5p at 322p, **Marley**, 9p higher at 180p, and **Pilkington**, 7p dearer at 159p. **Redland**, up 22p at 563p, and **RMC**, 26p higher at 878p, benefited from their strong German links.

Euro Disney *had another* volatile session, touching 270p after Wednesday's suspension of the price on the Paris Bourse before bear closing lifted the price to finish 12p higher at 330p.

Royal Bank of Scotland rose 22p to 375p, boosted by bumper profits from Direct Line, its insurance business. Figures from the bank are expected next week.

GILT-EDGED: the session was spent watching events on the German bund market, *looking for signs of a cut in* rates. The December series of the Long Gilt rose £9/32 to £115 9/16 on turnover of 27,000 contracts.

At the longer end of the cash market, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 rose £5/16 to £119 31/32, *while in shorts, Treasury 9½* per cent 1999 was £1/16 easier at £113 21/32.

MICHAEL CLARK

Wall Street was closed yesterday for Thanksgiving.

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $ .... 1.4880 (-0.0020)
German mark .... 2.5412 (+0.0060)
Exchange index .... 81.7 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

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FT-SE 100 .... 3093.1 (+25.9)
Dow Jones .... 3687.58 (+13.41)†
Nikkei Avg .... 17222.90 (+155.81)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 5½%
3-month Interbank 5⅜-5 5/16%
US Federal Funds .... 3⅛%†
3-month Treas Bills .... 3.12-3.10%†
Long Bond .... 6.31%†

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.4885†	£:$	1.4863
$:DM	1.7024†	£:DM	2.5366
$:SWfr	1.4922†	£:SWfr	2.2258
$:Ffr	5.9060†	£:Ffr	8.7860
$:Yen	108.15†	£:Yen	160.97
£:SDR	1.0720	£:ECU	1.3207

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 377.10 .... PM 377.60
Close 377.25-377.75
New York:
Comex .... 376.95-377.45†

OIL

Brent Crude ..... $14 55 per bbl (Jan)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI..141.8 Oct (1.4%) Jan 1987=100
† Denotes Wednesday's close

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Ryl Bank Scot .... 375p (+22p)
BPB Ind .... 278p (+11p)
CRH .... 323p (+10p)
RMC Group .... 878p (+26p)
Redland .... 563p (+22p)
ICI .... 719p (+45p)
Swire Pacific 'A' .... 480p (+29p)
Anglia TV .... 447p (+11p)
Powell Duffryn .... 614p (+15p)
Eurotunnel Uts .... 457p (+15p)
BAT .... 496p (+11p)
LWT Hldgs .... 526p (+19p)
GUS .... 565p (+10p)
THORN EMI .... 917p (+22p)
St Ives Group .... 293p (+13p)
FALLS:
Yorkshire TV .... 178p (-16p)
Thomson Corp .... 805p (-20p)
Enterprise .... 439p (-15½p)
Tiphook .... 61p (-10p)

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Scottish Power boosted by fall in coal prices



Ian Preston, of Scottish Power, saw a rise in profits

BY NEIL BENNETT

COAL consumption has slumped at Scottish Power, Scotland's leading electricity company, because of the company's switch to using energy from Scottish Hydro-Electric's gas-fired power station at Peterhead.

Coal accounted for only a quarter of Scottish Power's energy consumption in the six months to end-September, compared with more than 40 per cent a year ago. Gas consumption has risen from nothing to 20 per cent of the company's output. Scottish Power now accounts for 70 per cent of Peterhead's output.

The fall in consumption was anticipated in the five-year deal that Scottish Power signed with British Coal earlier this year.

The power company, where Ian Preston is chief executive, has agreed to buy 2 million tonnes a year from British Coal, plus a further 300,000 tonnes at world prices. This will rise to 800,000 when it completes its power inter-connectors to England and Northern Ireland, and make up for the fall over the past year.

The fall in coal prices and other lower operating costs helped Scottish Power increase half-year pre-tax profits by 21 per cent to £116 million. The figures were flattered since last year's profits were hit by a £13.3 million restructuring charge, but underlying growth was still 7 per cent.

The half-year dividend is being lifted by 11 per cent to 4.13p. Generating and supply profits increased from £7 million to £19 million.

The fastest growing part of Scottish Power's business was its sales of electricity through the inter-connector to England, where profits rose from *£5 million to £12 million.* The company is expanding the capacity of the inter-connector.

Profits from transmission and distribution in Scotland were almost flat because of a one-off charge of up to £10 million that Scottish Power paid to buy out union contracts.

Scottish Power also announced it was talking to potential joint venture partners, including American telecommunication companies, to develop a telephone network.

The company won an operating licence last September, and since then it has been laying fibre-optic cables alongside its existing power lines. The company is also developing its electrical retail business. It has opened two superstores in the north of England and has plans for five more.

Unlike many of the English electricity distributors, Scottish Power's non-core businesses are continuing to expand successfully. Their sales rose by £10 million in the half year, and profits trebled to £3 million. One of the strongest performers was Caledonian Gas, the group's independent gas supplier, which multiplied its volumes by 12 times.

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Bayer chief delivers warning

Bayer, the German chemical group, has forecast a 20 per cent drop in profits for the full year to be followed by "stable profit development" next year.

Manfred Schneider, the chairman of the management board, said that group pre-tax profit would be about DM2.2 billion this year, against DM2.7 billion in 1992. But he added that he foresaw "no dramatic change" in dividend from the DM11 that was paid out on the 1992 results.

In the first nine months, the group's pre-tax profit dropped to DM1.80 billion from DM2.22 billion at the same stage last year. Sales were slightly lower at DM31 billion, reflecting recession in Germany and in key export markets.

Powell down

A £3.9 million exceptional charge knocked pre-tax profits of Powell Duffryn, the shipping and storage group, slightly lower to £10.3 million (£10.4 million) in the six months to end-September, on turnover ahead to £355 million (£330.8 million). Earnings slip to 8p (9.8p) a share, but the interim dividend is maintained at 6.6p.

Bona float

The pathfinder prospectus for Bona, the Norwegian-owned tanker ship company, said that its global offering in connection with the proposed flotation would exceed $120 million, implying an initial market capitalisation of $300 million.

Electric rebate

Southern Electric, of Reading, Berkshire, has offered its domestic and small business customers a £4 rebate off their winter quarter's bill. With earlier price cuts, the rebate will mean an average saving of about 5 per cent on household bills in a full year.

ANTHONY HARRIS

Pensions: the government's forked tongue

There is a shortage of head-banging in Westminster — the kind administered by a strong prime minister ensuring that on key topics, ministers all *sing from the same score*. The most persistent discords are now to be heard on the subject of pensions. It may seem safe to allow some solo efforts on this subject — it is highly technical, and for most people concerns only the fairly distant future. All the same, it can only be a matter of time before voters begin to notice. The future may be distant, but it is their own personal future.

MGN pensioners are already painfully aware of this. The Tory party is supposed to be in favour of private provision; but when the life savings of a large group of retired people are simply stolen, the government just shrugs. Are professional fees for sorting out the mess excessive? Hard cheese. Should *the claims of savers rank* ahead of those of other creditors — say banks, which lent money on securities whose ownership they do not seem to have investigated? We could not possibly intervene in such a matter. It is not just the MGN victims and their families who are likely to conclude that it is much safer to stick with the DSS.

This is not a message that will appeal to Michael Portillo, who takes his duties as official skinflint so seriously that he is trying to launch a general panic about the pensions problems of his successors 30 or 40 years hence. In the US, where social security benefits are paid out of a trust fund, this question is automatically reviewed when the official actuaries report on the prospects, and taxes adjust accordingly. But if you think that this disciplines the Federal government, think again. Where is the trust fund's surplus invested? Right first guess: in Federal debt.

So privatise pensions? Perhaps not: for at the moment much of the cash flow of US pension funds also goes into government debt. The difference is that the private managers invest not only in Uncle Sam, but in Finnish bonds and even Polish CDs. These funds are driven not by judgment, but simply by a shortage of assets that offer anything like the return rashly assumed by pension fund actuaries. The US pension funds and mutual funds are, in short, forever blowing bubbles. That is why the current strength of the dollar is a menace to markets everywhere else: if it is seen as a reliable trend leading to steady currency losses, the markets could be hit by a lot of US profit-taking.

What, you may be wondering, has any of this to do with Portillo's worries? Just this: US actuaries are not the only ones who make supposedly conservative assumptions about investment returns, which are in fact demanding, to put it mildly. In this country, the actuarial assumption in SSAP24, supposedly a "best *estimate*", is for a cash return on equity investment of 10 per cent annually. There is quite a lot of room for error here, since SSAP24 also assumes wage growth of 7.5 per cent a year; but 10 per cent in a low-*growth, low-inflation environment?*

The fact is that actuaries live in the past. SSAP24 gives us 1980s figures; any investment manager who tries to match them now will be driven on to very thin ice. And the more a Portillo drive expands the private pensions sector, the higher equities will be inflated, and the lower dividend yields will be driven. When actuaries catch up with real life, they are likely to conclude that most schemes are drastically underfunded, and drive their sponsors into the position of General Motors in the US, which is now struggling to find an extra $3 billion for its pension fund, while it is still in trading loss, and such burdens, of course, reduce investment returns.

And that is before Kenneth Clarke tells us what new horror he has in mind for pension funds. A new low tax rate of 15 per cent? The John Maples wheeze of taxing contributions rather than pensions? For a politician with a short-term thought frame, such "painless" targets may be irresistible. So are Peter Lilley's objections to the whole Portillo scheme: the government cannot afford to unload contributors, since it is stuck with the pensions they help to pay. Just as well, perhaps.

RECENT ISSUES

Abacus (140)	162	...
Abtrust Emrg Econs	90½	+1½
Abtrust Emrg Econs Wts	48	...
Abtrust LLoyds Insce (100)	98	...
Abtrust Lloyds Wrts	40	...
Allders (170)	190	+4
Azlan (230)	240	-1
Biotrace Intl (130)	145	...
CLM Insce (100)	96	...
Canadian Pizza (200)	194	...
Charles Sidney (110)	103	...
Cleveland Trust (100)	111	...
Coal Invs	17	+2
Crest Packaging	134	...
DFS Furniture (260)	271	...
Dellan Lloyds Inv Tst (100)	96	-½
Emerald Energy (1)	1½	+¼
Finsbury U/writing Inv	103	...
For & Col Emerg Mkts Wts	56	+1
Gartmore (168)	172	+5
HCG Lloyds Inv Tst (100)	98	...
Hiscox Select Ins Fd (100)	102	...
Hozelock (250)	250	-1
Independent Insce (225)	284	+14
Lilliput (135)	125	...
Litho Supplies (190)	193	...
London Insce Mkt (100)	99	...
Masthead Insce (100)	96	...
New London Capital (100)	93½	...
Roxboro (230)	234	-1
Ruberoid (150)	163	...
Smlr Co Inv Tst C (135)	141	...
Syndicate Capital (100)	93	...
Syndicate Capital Wts	30	...
Throgmorton Prfd (100)	102	...
Towry Law (190)	183	...
Ugland Intl	102	-1
Wigmore Property Inv (100)	93	-1
Wigmore Property Wts	31	+2

RIGHTS ISSUES

Ferromet n/p (¼)	1½	...
Graystone n/p (11)	¼	...
IMC Inds n/p (3¼)	½	...
Raglan n/p (100)	3	-1
Rhino n/p (44)	11	...
Scottish Metr n/p (85)	5	...
Slebe n/p (485)	64	...
Ugland n/p	2	-1
Wilson Bowden n/p (375)	39	...
Wyevale Garden n/p (152)	12	...

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	15,000	Cadbury	2,100	MEPC	1,300	Scot Power	2,700
Abbey Natl	2,900	Caradon	2,000	Marks Spr	2,400	Sears	1,600
Alld-Lyons	2,700	Carlton Cms	1,400	NFC	1,000	Svrn Trent	391
Anglian W	2,800	Coats Vyla	1,700	NatWst Bk	2,100	Shell Trans	6,000
Argyll Gp	3,700	Cm Union	2,000	Nat Power	5,200	Siebe	1,000
Arjo Wiggn	3,300	Courtaulds	1,800	Nth Wst W	1,000	SmKl Bch	2,300
AB Foods	1,100	Enterpr Oil	1,500	Nthrn Fds	2,200	Smith Nph	4,700
BAA	904	Forte	881	P & O	1,600	Sthern Elec	343
BAT Inds	4,600	GRE	2,800	Pearson	1,100	Std Chard	480
BOC	1,200	GUS	1,500	PowerGen	3,900	Sun Allnce	3,900
BP	9,300	Gen Acc	1,100	Prudential	4,800	TI Gp	824
BT	11,000	Gen Elec	6,200	RMC	1,600	TSB	3,700
BTR	13,000	Glaxo	4,400	RTZ	3,800	Tesco	6,100
Bk of Scot	1,000	Granada	1,600	Rank Org	2,300	Thames W	918
Barclays	4,100	Grand Met	5,400	Reckitt Col	835	Thrn EMI	2,700
Bass	2,700	Guinness	3,900	Redland	6,900	Tomkins	6,300
Blue Circle	2,400	HSBC	1,800	Reed Intl	1,400	Unilever	1,100
Boots	1,500	Hanson	7,600	Rentokil	698	Utd Bisc	4,300
Bowater	1,600	ICI	5,900	Reuters	1,000	Vodafone	1,300
Brit Aero	1,100	Inchcape	1,000	Rolls Royce	4,600	Wrbrg (SG)	386
Brit Airwys	4,200	Kingfisher	1,900	Ryl Ins	3,500	Wellcome	1,300
Brit Gas	8,700	Ladbroke	3,200	Ryl Bk Scot	8,900	Whitbd 'A'	2,000
Brit Steel	5,100	Land Secs	1,000	Sainsbury	5,300	Wlms Hld	1,600
Burmah Cstrl	672	Legal & Gn	1,100	Schroders	109	Wolseley	1,000
Cable Wire	5,200	Lloyds Bk	3,300	Scot & New	2,000	Zeneca	2,600

MAJOR INDICES

New York:
Dow Jones .... Closed
S&P Composite .... Closed

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 17222.90 (+155.81)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 9286.31 (+48.25)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 135.8 (+2.5)

Sydney: AO .... 2042.0 (+9.6)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2047.71 (+18.16)

FT 30 share: .... 2355.2 (+25.3)

Brussels:
General .... 7076.56 (+14.87)

Paris: CAC .... 584.68 (-4.58)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 625.50 (+5.00)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1525.84 (+10.63)
FT 500 .... 1634.98 (+11.51)
FT Gold Mines .... 235.6 (-0.9)
FT Fixed Interest .... 124.06 (-0.82)
FT Govt Secs .... 103.64 (+0.15)
Bargains 27842
SEAQ Volume 696.3m
USM (Datastrm) .... 149.15 (+0.07)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
November 22	December 3	February 24	March 7

Call options were taken out on 25/11/93: Aran Energy, Avesco, Bakyrchik Gold, Biotrace, Bluebird Toys, Fisons, Flextech, Hanson Wts, Kewill Systems, Lucas Wts, NSM, Sleepy Kids, Tullow Oil. **Puts:** Euro Disney, NSM, Shoprite, Tiphook. **Puts & Calls:** British Aerospace, LWT Holdings.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 (Previous open interest: 69218)	Dec 93	3070.0	3111.0	3067.0	3108.0	13378
	Mar 94	3091.0	3125.0	3091.0	3126.0	2262
Three Month Sterling (Previous open interest: 398192)	Dec 93	94.59	94.63	94.59	94.62	9466
	Mar 94	94.79	94.82	94.77	94.82	8656
	Jun 94	94.83	94.86	94.82	94.86	3449
Three Mth Eurodollar (Previous open interest: 14214)	Dec 93	96.51	96.52	96.50	96.50	160
	Mar 94	96.40	96.41	96.39	96.40	348
Three Mth Euro DM (Previous open interest: 728094)	Dec 93	93.87	93.90	93.84	93.87	28792
	Mar 94	94.56	94.61	94.52	94.58	46940
Long Gilt (Previous open interest: 124372)	Dec 93	115-05	115-22	115-05	115-18	29500
	Mar 94	114-17	114-30	114-17	114-28	5414
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 93	115.37	115.39	115.35	115.40	37
	Mar 94	114.59	114.64	114.52	114.60	1479
German Gov Bd Bobl (Previous open interest: 22229)	Dec 93	102.83	102.96	102.77	102.92	1492
	Mar 94				103.05	0
German Gov Bd Bund (Previous open interest: 156649)	Dec 93	99.52	99.75	99.39	99.69	66439
	Mar 94	99.62	99.86	99.51	99.80	3063
Three month ECU (Previous open interest: 35804)	Dec 93	93.31	93.40	93.30	93.37	1221
	Mar 94	94.01	94.12	94.00	94.07	787
Euro Swiss Franc (Previous open interest: 57420)	Dec 93	95.65	95.68	95.64	95.66	3083
	Mar 94	96.15	96.24	96.13	96.22	6150
Italian Govmt Bond (Previous open interest: 111463)	Dec 93	112.30	113.02	112.05	112.81	38240
	Mar 94	112.30	113.17	112.30	113.03	9863

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 81.7 (day's range 81.5-81.7).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Nov 25	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8423-2.8499	2.8461-2.8497	⅛-¼ds	¼-½ds
Brussels	53.55-53.83	53.62-53.72	12-16ds	25-34ds
Copenhagen	10.0430-10.0850	10.0550-10.0770	2-3¼ds	6½-7⅞ds
Dublin	1.0520-1.0548	1.0522-1.0545	9-11ds	23-29ds
Frankfurt	2.5323-2.5395	2.5349-2.5382	⅛-¼ds	½-⅝ds
Lisbon	257.75-260.22	259.19-259.82	130-160ds	390-432ds
Madrid	206.27-207.34	206.89-207.12	⅛-⅜pr	1⅜-1¼pr
Milan	2500.00-2512.60	2507.40-2511.40	7-9ds	21-24ds
Montreal	1.9710-1.9780	1.9732-1.9762	0.26-0.21pr	0.53-0.41pr
New York	1.4856-1.4871	1.4858-1.4868	0.27-0.26pr	0.73-0.71pr
Oslo	11.0060-11.0520	11.0160-11.0390	⅝-⅜pr	1⅛pr-par
Paris	8.7790-8.8170	8.7790-8.7930	1-1⅜ds	2⅞-3⅛ds
Stockholm	12.4310-12.4830	12.4310-12.4700	1⅞-3⅛ds	4⅞-6⅜ds
Tokyo	160.83-161.24	160.83-161.10	1⅛-⅞pr	1⅜-1¼pr
Vienna	17.80-17.87	17.82-17.86	⅜-1⅛ds	1⅜-3⅛ds
Zurich	2.2221-2.2273	2.2242-2.2273	¼-⅛pr	⅝-⅜pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4840-1.4866
Australia dollar	2.2319-2.2352
Bahrain dinar	0.5545-0.5665
Brazil cruzeiro*	335.71-337.14
Cyprus pound	0.7573-0.7675
Finland marka	8.592-8.708
Greece drachma	360.75-367.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.4778-11.4871
India rupee	46.21-47.17
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4395-0.4495
Malaysia ringgit	3.7914-3.7956
Mexico peso	4.52-4.67
New Zealand dollar	2.7063-2.7132
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5295-5.6555
Singapore dollar	2.3713-2.3745
S Africa rand (fin)	6.4632-6.5430
S Africa rand (com)	4.9997-5.0061
U A E dirham	5.4005-5.5245

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.5021-1.5033
Austria	12.00-12.01
Belgium (Com)	36.09-36.13
Canada	1.328-1.329
Denmark	6.7675-6.7775
France	5.9087-5.9137
Germany	1.4955-1.4965
Hong Kong	7.725-7.726
Ireland	1.410-1.412
Italy	1687.6-1689.1
Japan	108.25-108.35
Malaysia	2.5518-2.5528
Netherlands	1.9156-1.9166
Norway	7.4145-7.4245
Portugal	174.4-174.8
Singapore	1.596-1.597
Spain	139.21-139.26
Sweden	8.3671-8.3871
Switzerland	1.4955-1.4965

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5½ Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5½ Low 3½ Week fixed: 5
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5 1/16; 3 mth 5 Sell: 2 mth 5⅛; 3 mth: 4⅞

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅛-5 1/16	5⅛-5 1/16	5⅛-5 1/16	5⅛-5	
Sterling Money Rates:	5¼-5⅛	5¼-5 3/16	5 3/16-5⅛	5¼-5⅛	
Interbank:	5¼-5⅛	5 3/16-5 1/16	5⅛-5 1/16	5⅛-5	5⅛-5

Overnight: open 5½, close 4.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5⅛	n/a	5⅛	5⅛	5⅛
Sterling CDs:	5¼-5 3/16	5¼-5⅛	5⅛-5 1/16	5⅛-5	5⅛-5
Dollar CDs:	3.08-3.05	n/a	3.36-3.33	3.41-3.37	3.68-3.65
Building Society CDs:	5¼-5⅛	5 3/16-5 1/16	5 3/16-5 1/16	5⅛-5	5⅛-5

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Oct 29, 1993 Agreed rates Nov 24, 1993 to Dec 25, 1993 Scheme III: 7.06 %. Reference rate Oct 1, 1993 to Oct 29, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 5.82%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	6¼-6⅛	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	5⅞-5¾	7⅛-6⅞
French Franc:	6 9/16-6 7/16	6 9/16-6 7/16	6 5/16-6 3/16	6⅛-6	7-6
Swiss Franc:	4⅜-4¼	4⅜-4¼	4⅛-4	4⅛-4	5-4
Yen:	2¼-2⅛	2¼-2⅛	2¼-2⅛	2¼-2	2½-1½

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $377.10-377.50 Close: $377.25-377.75 High: $377.30-377.80 Low: $375.75-376.25 Krugerrand: $375.00-378.00 (£252.25-254.25)
Sovereigns: Old $86.00-89.00 (£58.00-60.00) New $86.00-89.00 (£58.00-60.00)
Platinum: $373.25 (£250.85) **Silver:** $4.66 (£3.125) **Palladium:** $126.00 (£84.70)

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Alld Lyon	550	40½	53½	58	9	17	29
(*582½)	600	12½	27	32	35	42½	56
Argyll	240	24	31½	35½	6½	10	16½
(*259)	260	12	21	25	19½	19½	27
ASDA	50	6½	8	10½	3	5	6
(*53)	60	2½	4½	6	9	11½	12½
Boots	500	37	50	55½	5	15	24½
(*523½)	550	11	23½	32	33½	41	50
Br Airways	390	36½	46	55	9	15	25
(*416½)	420	19	30	37	23	28½	37½
BP	330	23½	30	35	7	13	16½
(*341½)	360	7½	14	20½	25	29	33
Br Steel	110	13	16½	20	4	7	9½
(*119)	120	7	11	15	9½	12	14½
C & W	450	33	45½	56½	13	21½	27
(*470)	475	19½	30½	43	24½	32½	38
CU	600	26	35½	47½	15½	29	34
(*604½)	650	6½	15	25½	50	61½	65½
ICI	681	56	–	–	8	–	–
(*720½)	750	18	28	39	41	62	68½
Kingfishr	650	31½	47½	56	19	29½	41
(*657)	700	11	24½	33½	51	59½	69
Land Sec	700	37	52	61	11½	18	30½
(*727½)	750	11½	25½	34	38	44½	57
M & S	390	30	39	43½	6	11	16½
(*410½)	420	12½	21½	27	19½	23½	30½
Nat West	500	45	51½	58	6½	17	22½
(*532½)	550	15	25½	32½	28½	44	48½
Sainsbury	390	18½	30½	38	15	22½	30
(*395)	420	7	16	24½	34½	40½	48
Shell	650	47	54½	62	6½	17½	23
(*683)	700	16½	25½	35½	26½	44½	49
Smkl Bch	390	27½	37½	47½	16	25½	32
(*396)	420	14½	25	35	33½	43	49
Storehse	180	27	26½	30½	3	5½	8½
(*199½)	200	8½	14	18	11	14	17½
Trafalgar	90	5½	9½	11½	6½	8½	11½
(*90½)	100	2½	6½	7½	14	15½	17½
Unilever	1100	35½	54½	69	32	53	60
(*1101)	1150	16½	32	48½	65½	84½	91
Zeneca	700	61½	72½	92	6½	25½	36
(*744)	750	29	43	54½	29½	51½	61½

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Grnd Met	360	36½	41½	47½	11½	15	19
(*388½)	390	20	25½	32	26½	30	34
Ladbroke	160	15	19½	24	12	17	20½
(*161)	180	7½	11	14½	24½	30½	33½
Utd Bisc	330	25	30½	34	13	21½	26
(*335)	360	12	15½	21½	31	41½	46

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Nov	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
BAA	900	43	65½	81½	19	30½	42
(*923½)	950	20½	40½	59½	47½	57	67
Thames W	500	39	51½	57½	7	13	23½
(*526½)	550	12	23	30½	30½	36	50½

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
BAT Ind	475	39½	–	–	12	–	–
(*495)	500	26	31½	37	24	36½	44
BTR	330	26½	31	35½	10½	18½	22
(*341)	360	11½	16	22½	27	36	37
Br Aero	390	47	57	68½	19	29	36½
(*413½)	420	30½	42	54½	34½	44½	52
Br Telcm	420	44½	50	58½	4½	7	12
(*459)	460	16	25	33½	19	23	26
Cadbury	414	45	49	–	5½	13	–
(*447½)	453	18½	24	–	19	31	–
Guinness	420	37½	45½	51½	11½	20½	25½
(*440½)	460	16	24	31	31	43	47½
GEC	330	21	27½	32	10½	14	19½
(*339)	360	7	13½	17½	29	31½	37
Hanson	260	11	16	18½	12	16	19
(*281)	300	5	8½	11	25½	29	32
LASMO	120	17½	20½	24	6½	11½	13½
(*127½)	130	12	15	19	12	16	19
Lucas	160	22½	26	30	6½	9½	12½
(*173½)	180	10½	15	19½	16½	19½	22½
Pilkngtn	140	22	25½	29	4½	6½	9
(*158)	160	9½	14	18	13½	15½	18½
Prudential	330	21	25½	29½	11	18½	22½
(*335½)	360	7½	12	16	29½	38	40½
Redland	550	38	48	55	19	35	41½
(*562½)	600	15½	25	32½	48	65½	71
Royal Ins	286	20½	–	–	12½	–	–
(*292)	317	7½	–	–	31	–	–
Tesco	180	23½	27½	28½	5½	11	12½
(*194)	200	11½	16	18	14½	22	23
Vodafone	500	43	57½	68½	27	36	46½
(*513)	550	21	35	47	56½	65	74
Williams	300	32½	37	40	6	12	15
(*322)	330	14	19	24	18½	27½	30½

FT-SE INDEX (*3092½)

	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200
Calls						
Dec	174	132	89	56	34	16
Jan	197	159	122	92	66	46
Feb	217	179	144	113	87	64
Mar	228	191	158	127	99	76
Jun	–	225	–	161	–	113
Puts						
Dec	15	21	33	54	81	116
Jan	35	47	59	80	105	136
Feb	47	59	74	94	116	147
Mar	57	69	86	104	125	156
Jun	–	97	–	133	–	194

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Abby Nat	390	27½	33	36½	4	14	18
(*406½)	420	6	16	21½	18½	30	34½
Amstrad	45	4	7	9	3	5	7
(*45½)	50	2	5	6½	6	8	9½
Barclays	550	22½	38½	46½	10½	25½	35
(*559)	600	3½	16	24	44½	56½	61
Blue Circ	300	27½	31	42½	5	9½	17
(*321½)	330	9	20½	26	16	23	33
Br Gas	300	26	33½	39½	2	6	11½
(*322)	330	4½	15	20	13	18	26½
Dixons	260	12½	22½	29	9	15½	23
(*262)	280	4½	14	20	21½	28	34½
Forte	220	20½	29	31½	3	9	13½
(*236)	240	6½	17½	21	11½	18	24
Hillsdwn	140	10½	17	20½	3½	8	13½
(*146½)	160	2	8	10½	16½	19½	28½
Lonrho	130	10½	16½	20	4	10	12½
(*135½)	140	6	11½	15½	9	15½	17½
Sears	110	10	13½	15½	1½	5½	6
(*117½)	120	3½	8	9½	6	10½	11½
Thrn Eml	900	34½	54½	72	14½	34	43½
(*916½)	950	9½	30½	48	43	63½	70½
Tomkins	220	10½	18	23	5	11	14½
(*225)	240	3	9½	13½	18	23½	26½
TSB	200	16½	22	25	2½	7½	10½
(*212½)	220	4	10½	14½	11½	18	21½
Wellcome	600	36½	62	74	14½	32½	44
(*617½)	650	13½	37½	50	43	60½	70

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Dec	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Glaxo	650	27½	55	74	22½	51	61½
(*651)	700	9	34½	54	56½	83½	91
HSBC	700	50	76½	85½	6½	32½	42
(*741)	750	19½	48	59	26	58	66½
Reuter	1600	51½	109½	135	33½	87½	105
(*1609½)	1650	28	81	109½	62	110½	123

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Dec	Puts Feb	Puts May
R-Royce	156	17	21½	–	2	6	–
(*169½)	176	4	9	–	11	18	–

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Fisons	140	10	19	22½	5½	11½	17½
(*143)	160	3	11	14	20	25½	30½

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
Eastern Elc	550	52½	61½	69½	6	17½	23
(*591½)	600	20½	32	41	30	35	47

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Nat Pwr	390	18	29½	36	5½	14	19½
(*394½)	420	4½	15	21	24	30	36½
Scot Pwr	390	23	31	35½	3½	12	15½
(*406½)	420	5½	15½	23½	18½	27½	31

November 25, 1993 Tot: 37301 Calls: 14541 Puts: 22760 FT-SE Calls: 2250 Puts: 9885
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: The Thanksgiving day holiday in the US kept the commodity markets relatively quiet, with the exception of LCE cocoa which found good buying on a resurgence of fears over the political stability of the Ivory Coast. Tension is building up over the successor to the ailing president, and a split in the main ruling party was made public by a local newspaper.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	995-994	Mar	1026-1025
Mar	1049-1048	May	1029-1028
May	1049-1048	Jul	1033-1032
Jul	1047-1046	Sep	1050-1040
Sep	1043-1042		
Dec	1023-1022	Volume:	9811

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	1254-1250	Jul	1206-1203
Jan	1266-1265	Sep	1206-1203
Mar	1236-1235	Nov	1206-1195
May	1239-1208	Volume:	922

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)

		Oct	10.88-10.98
Spot: 262.3		Jan	unq
Mar	10.60-10.65	Mar	unq
May	10.90-10.95	May	unq
Jul	11.10-11.17	Volume:	276

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	273.0-72.2
Spot: unq		Dec	273.0-71.2
Mar	279.9-79.2	Mar	275.6-72.7
May	281.5-81.0	May	279.1-74.7
Aug	285.5-84.7	Volume:	338

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on November 25

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	73.84	91.71	121.98
(+/-)	+3.23	+5.17	+2.74
Eng/Wales:	73.91	91.80	121.40
(+/-)	+3.15	+4.93	+2.77
(%)	-8.8	-30.1	-15.0
Scotland	77.24	91.07	125.88
(+/-)	+8.49	+6.19	+2.94
(%)	-28.8	-51.0	-23.4

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	-	Mar	unq	-
Sep	unq	-		Volume:	0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Jan	100.35
Mar	101.65
May	103.60
Jun	104.45
Sep	91.00
Volume:	135

BARLEY (close £/t)

Jan	103.75
Mar	105.75
May	107.40
Sep	93.25
Nov	95.00
Volume:	67

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	
Dec	
Feb	
Apr	
Volume:	0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Mar	unq	101.0
Apr	89.0	89.1
May	unq	107.5
	Volume:	5

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kg)
Jan 60.00-60.50

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Following Wednesday night's inconclusive end to the Opec meeting, levels collapsed.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	14.30	-0.80
Brent 15 day (Dec)	14.60	-0.85
Brent 15 day (Jan)	14.55	-0.85
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	unq	...
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	unq	...

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid:	Offer:
Premium Gas .15	163 (-7)	165 (-7)
Gasoil EEC	164 (-4)	165 (-4)
Non EEC 1H Dec	167 (-4)	169 (-4)
Non EEC 1H Jan	164 (-9)	166 (-8)
3.5 Fuel Oil	57 (-2)	59 (-2)
Naphtha	143 (-8)	145 (-8)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Dec	n/a	Mar	153.00-53.25
Jan	158.00 BID	Apr	152.00-52.25
Feb	155.25-55.50	May	152.25-52.75
		Vol:	34074

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jan	14.55-14.56	Apr	15.18-15.24
Feb	14.78-14.80	May	15.40-15.45
Mar	14.99-15.00	Vol:	66851

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Dec	149.00-51.00	Mar	n/a
Jan	155.00 SLR	Apr	n/a
Feb	n/a	Vol:	81

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High:	Low:	Close:
Nov 93	1274	1265	1265
Dec 93	1265	1255	1255
Jan 94	1259	1255	1255
Apr 94	unq	...	1273

Vol: 148 lots. Open int'st: 2651 Index 1268 - 7

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1627.5-1628.0	1650.5-1651.0	852075
Lead ($/tonne)	403.00-403.50	416.50-417.00	34800
Zinc Spec HI Gde ($/tonne)	919.00-919.50	937.00-937.50	445100
Tin ($/tonne)	4580.0-4585.0	4612.0-4615.0	24380
Aluminium HI Gde ($/tonne)	1040.0-1040.5	1060.0-1061.5	1034500
Nickel ($/tonne)	4600.0-4601.0	4750.0-4755.0	46242

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Dear Santa Ken, what we want for Christmas is . . .

Jon Ashworth examines some of the wish lists sent to the Chancellor — and some informed guesses about what his Budget might contain



When Kenneth Clarke poses for photographers in the traditional Budget day ritual next week, some observers will see more than a man in rumpled pinstripes holding out a battered suitcase. Add a red suit and white beard, and swap the suitcase for a bulging sack, and you will see the Chancellor as most Britons wish to see him: as a mischievous Santa who bears unknown tidings in the first pre-Christmas Budget.

The contents of the sack slung over his shoulder have kept commentators guessing for months. Some dream of tax cuts for all, cheaper Scotch whisky, incentives for British industry, a reprieve for charities and pensioners. The reality could be far harsher. Every lobby group in Britain has been badgering the Chancellor over the contents of that sack. This week's dip in interest rates served only to heighten fears about what lies in store.

The Confederation of British Industry has appealed to the Chancellor to avoid any tax increases that would add to business costs and jeopardise the investment and export-led growth needed to sustain the UK's fragile economic recovery. The best way to reduce public borrowing, it argues, is to cut public spending by £10 billion over the next three years, without cutting public sector investment.

Among specific requests, the CBI wants a replacement for the Business Expansion Scheme (BES), extensions of relief on capital gains and inheritance tax, and progress on foreign income dividend proposals to help companies with "surplus" advance corporation tax. Infrastructure investment should be maintained, and an enhanced capital allowance should be brought in to help smaller companies.

The Institute of Directors (IoD) echoes such sentiments, advising against any further tax increases and calling for modest reductions to underpin economic recovery. In particular, the IoD wants spending cuts of £20 billion a year by 1995-6, along with selected tax cuts to offset the £10.5 billion extra taxes arising from the March Budget. These measures, it says, would underwrite recovery, encourage growth and produce more revenue for the Exchequer.

The IoD's top priority is a freeze on the uniform business rate, since this would benefit small firms as they struggle back to health. It wants to see the burden of corporation tax and capital gains tax reduced, in particular by removing restrictions on loss relief. The rate of inheritance tax, it argues, should be cut to 20 per cent, with the threshold doubled to £300,000. The limit for personal equity plans (Peps) and tax exempt special savings accounts (Tessas) should be raised by a third to encourage savings and share options.

There should be no extension of VAT coverage, nor an increase in the rate of the tax. Increases in excise duties would run the risk of driving UK traders out of business and eroding Exchequer revenues.

The Engineering Employers' Federation (EEF) wants the Chancellor to adopt an "investment creates growth" strategy; arguing that the government has an obligation to provide a positive economic and legislative climate for investment. The EEF claims the government is not doing so, and says the corporation tax system actually discourages investment because tax is based on "profits" instead of cash earnings.

The EEF wants an immediate increase in the "writing down allowance" for new plant and machinery from 25 per cent to at least 40 per cent a year, with further increases in subsequent years. Without a general increase in investment, it says, there is a risk that the recovery will stop and the UK will face further decline and recession.

Calls for a cut in interest rates to boost the weak revival in the housing market have been widespread. The Council of Mortgage Lenders (CML), which represents banks, building societies and centralised lenders, has called for increased support for first-time buyers. In addition to lower interest rates, the CML would like first-time buyers to be able to claim tax relief on loans of up to £60,000, with the figure falling during the first five years of the loan to the present Miras limit of £30,000. The CML argues against further restrictions on the availability of income support for mortgage interest for unemployed home owners. It echoes calls for a mechanism to replace the BES, which it says has been useful in bringing repossessed homes back into circulation.

A fear that pensions will be singled out for tax increases has prompted vociferous lobbying. The National Association of Pension Funds argues that further changes to the pension funds tax regime would further undermine non-state pension providers. Taxing pension funds would increase the cost to employers of providing final salary schemes, it claims. Pensioners, recovering from the shock of VAT on domestic fuel, would have fresh cause for concern.

Sedgwick Noble Lowndes, the employee benefits consultant, said it would be "absurd" for the Treasury to penalise occupational and private pensions at a time when state pensions are being cut back. New fiscal disincentives would undermine confidence in long-term private pension provision and impose extra burdens on companies running pension schemes.

Pre-Budget campaigning by charities has been even more emotive than usual. The Charities Tax Reform Group (CTRG), which represents more than 300 charities, estimates that charities pay more than £335 million in irrecoverable VAT each year, and says any widening of the scope of the tax would be disastrous.

The CTRG has been urging the government to introduce a refund mechanism that would enable charities to reclaim 25 per cent of the VAT that they have to pay. It argues that a widening of the scope of VAT or an increase in rates would compel charities that supplement or replace state services to drop such services, with a disastrous impact on the beneficiaries.

The reduction in the ACT rate announced in the March Budget is expected to cost charities about £50 million a year. Speculation that this might be cut further, or even abolished, has caused further alarm.

The Scotch whisky lobby continues to fight its corner as fiercely as ever, urging an end to tax discrimination between Scotch and other alcoholic drinks. While alcohol in a measure of Scotch is taxed at 23p, the same amount in imported wine is taxed at only 13p. Tax swallows up 66 per cent of the price of a typical bottle, according to the Scotch Whisky Association, and its plea to the Chancellor is simple: do not increase excise duty on spirits.

Accountants, as ever, have had a field day trying to second-guess the Chancellor. Price Waterhouse puts its money on a further extension of the 20 per cent income tax band, coupled with a small real increase in personal allowances. It expects VAT on domestic fuel to be limited to the new 8 per cent lower rate after April 1995, cancelling the planned increase to 17.5 per cent, and thinks the 8 per cent band will be extended to cover zero-rated items such as newspapers and magazines, and luxury foods.

Price Waterhouse sees a further increase in the standard rate of VAT, possibly to 20 per cent, and a move to raise tax from the pensions sector. The ACT system may see further reforms. Peps may be extended to include gilts, and above-inflation increases in petrol and derv duty are expected. More radically, Price Waterhouse expects inheritance tax to be abolished immediately, with the reintroduction of some form of capital gains tax on assets held on death.

Coopers & Lybrand believes pensions will be singled out for attack. It thinks pensions contributions relief will be restricted, and predicts a tax on pension funds, on the lump sum paid to new pensioners, or both. The firm predicts the introduction of business or capital investment schemes or enhanced capital allowances, offset by a rise in the rate of corporation tax by one or two percentage points. Wider scope for VAT is thought likely as part of a wider overhaul.

KPMG Peat Marwick does not expect any tax reductions and thinks VAT will stay at 17.5 per cent. It believes the Chancellor will stick to his guns on the proposed application of VAT to fuel and power, and widen VAT at the standard rate to include books and newspapers. Ernst & Young thinks higher taxes are a possibility, and highlights VAT and personal taxes as the likely targets. It thinks mortgage tax relief may be abolished altogether.

UK businesses have strong views of their own, according to research by Price Waterhouse. Companies in the South want transport and infrastructure to be given top priority. Those in the North want improved tax incentives to encourage investment.

TEMPUS

Taking cover in the glens

THE continuing success of Scottish Power in its diversification drive should serve as a role model for many of the utilities south of the border whose investment policies have been ham-fisted to say the least.

Such an aggressive expansion policy has been born of necessity however, since the Scottish electricty market has precious few growth prospects and the company will need to look elsewhere for earnings growth once it has completed the efficiency drive in its core businesses. With dividend cover only likely to be 2.6 times this year, the company cannot afford to stagnate if shareholders are to see the promised 6 per cent real growth.

While interconnectors to England and Northern Ireland will help to expand profits, and while the twelvefold growth in Caledonian's gas volumes is impressive, it is difficult to see such ventures having a meaningful impact on overall earnings. The company's retailing expansion into England meanwhile suggests that the Scottish market is near saturation. Other ventures, like telecoms, are no more than a twinkle in a fibre-optic cable.

Under those circumstances it is difficult to understand why shares continue to command a premium to the electricity sector, with the yield 10 per cent lower than the average. In the past, the main attraction of the Scottish power companies has been their perceived lower exposure to regulatory risks, and indeed the threat of an MMC inquiry into power generation has recently been the driving force behind the shares. But if that fails to materialise, ScottishPower's low dividend cover will count against it once more, however talented it has been in its expansion.

BPB Industries

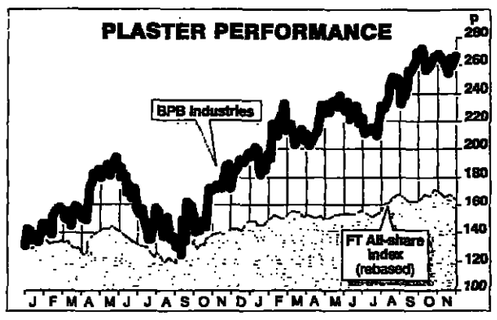
THE strong half-year recovery at BPB Industries goes some way to justifying the extraordinary amounts of hope value that the market has invested in the building materials industry.

In the past three years, the group has cut unit costs by 28 per cent in real terms so even a modest uplift in prices and volumes has a dramatic effect on profits. In the event, the rise in plasterboard prices in the past 18 months has been marked and they are now 25 per cent higher than their low point with another 10 per cent rise set for January in Britain.

The result was a 72 per cent rise in profits, after stripping out redundancy costs, even though plasterboard volumes were up only 3 per cent. With operational cash flow rising to £104 million it is easy to see why the group made a small dividend increase a year after it was cut.

The inherent growth in the plasterboard market makes it an obvious candidate for early recovery. Brick and tile manufacturerers may find the going tougher since they have large stockpiles to sell first into mature markets. But at this rate, BPB's greatest fears must be that the speed of the recovery will spark off a renewed price war between Knauf and Lafarge.

BPB could make £100 million profits this year, but the shares at 278p are already trading on 21 times forecast earnings and it is difficult seeing any more value at this level no matter how miraculous the recovery is.



Direct Line

GEORGE Mathewson, chief executive of the Royal Bank of Scotland, invites us to read his lips that, contrary to persistent speculation, the bank is not selling any part of Direct Line. His loyalty is perhaps understandable since there are not many parts of his bank which have increased profits by 230 per cent in the past year. He may also feel that since the bank has ultimately paid such a relatively high price to buy out Direct Line's last minority shareholder, it would hardly be sensible to put shares in the hands of thousands of others.

Nevertheless, there is a strong case for a flotation of Direct Line. If the bank held an offer for sale tomorrow, the shares would sell at an astronomic price. Given its size and rate of growth, Direct Line could certainly command a market value of £820 million, twice its gross premium income.

This is generous considering that the company's astonishing success cannot last. Now the market leader in motor insurance, its exponential growth will slow and its household policy sales are unlikely to equal the motor business, since so much of the market is locked up by the building societies.

Direct Line's competitors are growing wise to the ways of direct insurance writing. The composites have been astonishingly slow in meeting the threat, for fear of upsetting their brokers. But competition in the direct writing market is rising, and the dynamics of telesales means Direct Line's competition will be able to expand just as quickly as it did.

Royal Bank's strong capital ratios mean it has no urgent need for additional cash, but the bank has areas to reinvest, particularly in America through its Citizens subsidiary. A float of Direct Line would show that British banks can sell at the top, the place in recent years where they have done their buying.

Hazlewood

IF proof were needed that the food retailers are passing the pain of their competitive battles onto suppliers, Hazlewood Foods provided it. Operating margins have slipped by half a percentage point to 7.8 per cent in the first half and the company's gloomy view on the rest of the year raises concerns that margins may be squeezed still further.

Products, such as those in the grocery sector, which suffer from overcapacity and where there are alternative sources of supply, will be hit particularly hard. However, Hazlewood can offset some of the financial pain through cost benefits arising from the signficant investment it has channelled into some of its manufacturing sites in recent years.

The shares have been very jittery of late, anticipating many of the concerns that emerged from yesterday's results. The question is whether there is more bad news to come. On a prospective p/e of about eight times, the market clearly thinks there is. For investors who believe Hazlewood's strategy of investing in the value-added convenience food sector will ultimately improve the quality and consistency of earnings, the shares hold some longer-term value.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

German rates in Wonderland

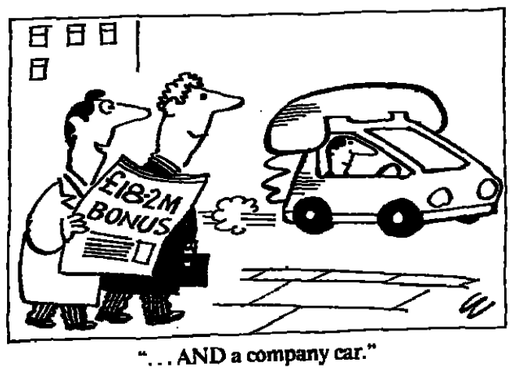
THE financial markets must have thought they had died and gone to heaven yesterday when the Bundesbank vice-president said that German money market interest rates were soon to hit 4 per cent. Was this finally the fillip needed to push Europe's economies into recovery? Unfortunately not. It was simply another breakdown in German-English communication. Johann-Wilhelm Gaddum was speaking to a conference in Paris in German and the simultaneous translator into English either misheard, or got the wrong end of the stick. Gaddum talked about money market rates of well under 6 per cent and inflation at just under 4 per cent: the translator presented this as 6 per cent going down to 4 per cent. The dollar immediately leapt by half a pfennig, only to dip again when the official text of Gaddum's speech was put out 20 minutes later.

Share supremo

ANY fund manager who can turn £25,000 into £116,000 in recent stock market conditions must be doing something right. So hats off to Chris Hills, of Baring Fund Management, who blew the opposition away in the annual ICL/Barts Investment Challenge. Every year for the past five years, City teams have been challenged to make as much money as possible on an initial share portfolio of £25,000. Barings topped the league by making a profit of £116,028, not counting the initial investment. Abbey Life came in second with £52,202, and Save & Prosper, which won four years in a row, managed just £12,007. Hills was not available to discuss his stock picking skills yesterday. The five-year challenge has raised more than £1 million for the children's cancer unit at St Bartholomew's Hospital.

Return of the Ten

THE so-called "Gang of Ten" salesmen and analysts who were ousted from Carr Kitcat & Aitken two months ago, are back with a new broking venture. Michael Burn, Michael Oliver, and eight colleagues have set up London Wall Equities, which shares offices with Shaw & Co and falls under the parentage of Mees-Pierson, the Dutch merchant bank. Others on board include John Scott, Warwick Wilson, and Robin Althaus, whose brother, Nigel, was the last of the old-style government brokers before the Bank of England took on the role. Non-Carr players include John Martin, who joins from Robert Fleming Securities. Analysts include John Marshall, who doubles up at MP for Hendon South. Bob Bucknell, formerly of Smith New Court, and the ex-Carr's building materials team of Lawrence Amboldt and Leslie Kent. Trading begins on Monday.



"... AND a company car."

French connection

CALLS by the CBI for greater independence for the Bank of England may grate on Eddie George, the Governor, who has campaigned vigorously on this theme and seen few rewards for his troubles. But things could be a lot worse, if the experience of his French counterpart, Jean-Claude Trichet, is anything to go by. A bill, pushed through in August, enhanced the Bank of France's independence and gave it a greater say in deciding monetary policy. A pillar of the legislation is that no-one, from the governor down, can accept instructions from the government or anyone else. Yet what do we find? Every Thursday since his promotion, in September, from the head of the French Treasury to the governorship of the Bank of France, Trichet leaves his grand new quarters and heads off to his old haunt at the Finance Ministry for a meeting with the French finance minister and the new head of the Treasury. Of course, they only discuss the weather.

Children's book

LADBROKES has opened a book on how much will be pledged during today's BBC Children in Need Appeal. "It's a bit of fun," says a spokesman for Ladbrokes, "and any profits made on the betting will be donated to the Children in Need Appeal Fund." Winning bets will be decided by the figure declared at 2am tomorrow. The odds on a total of £18-£19 million being pledged are 20 to 1.

NEWS story from the pages of the Indian Express: "*The people of the Philippines plunged into deeper trouble with a wave of tycoons hitting the volcano-affected areas.*"

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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
439	345	Abbey Nil	406	+3	11.8	3.6	15.7
290	170	Allied Irish	268	+2	...	3.9	13.7
216	130	Aus New Z	211	+3	...	4.2	∞
3806½	2712½	Bankamerica	2875 ↑	+37½	...	...	...
295	177	Bk of Ireland	274 ↑	...	...	4.6	20.2
380	325	Bk Leumi UK	350	...	17.0	6.1	...
199	116½	Bank Scotland	190	+4	4.6	3.1	25.8
589	362	Barclays	559	+5	...	2.8	...
4½	2	Benchmark	4½	...	...	...	...
22	15½	Carlisle	19½	...	...	...	...
595	395	Cater Allen	558	+3	28.0	5.4	...
153	85	Cattles	139	...	...	4.0	18.5
2487½	1787½	Chase Manh	2218½	+19½	...	...	...
2600	1343½	Citicorp	2330	+6½	...	...	...
465	250	Close Bros	443	-2	...	3.1	16.1
£144½	9275	Commerzbk	£143½	+12½	...	2.8	...
£342½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£329½	+20½	...	1.9	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	67	-1	...	0.9	...
1651	876	Fuji Bank Y	1491	...	...	0.4	...
539	343	Gerrard Nat	480 ↑	...	21.5	6.0	12.0
775	490	HSBC	740	+7	20.0	3.4	17.7
785	474	HSBC HK	754	+9	20.0	3.3	18.0
403	243	Hambros	393 ↑	-2	14.3	5.1	10.3
428	313	Joseph (L)	418	...	16.6	5.0	...
155	96	King Shaxson	142	...	9.0	7.9	...
530	312	Kleinwort Ben	497	...	16.7	4.2	17.2
591	392	Lloyds	572	+5	19.1	4.2	16.4
118	63	Lon Scot Bk	95	...	2.9	3.8	18.8
575	322	Nat Aust Bk	542	+6	...	4.0	∞
586	308	Nat West	533	+2	17.8	4.2	32.4
460	270	Provident	403	-2	12.4	3.9	17.4
54	39	Rea Bros	50	...	0.5	1.4	51.1
376	207	Ryl Bk Scot	375	+22	9.0	3.0	...
1335	467½	Schroders	1164	-2	...	1.3	23.3
1088	576	Stand Chart	1017	-2	20.5	2.5	...
229	145½	TSB	213	+2	6.4	3.8	...
190	78	Union Disc	168	-1	...	...	...
940	529	Warburg SG	835 ↑	+3	...	3.0	12.2
8000	4843½	Wells Fargo	7866½	-31½	...	2.6	...
205	121	Westpac	187	+2	...	2.7	∞
325	184	Wintrust	320	..	9.3	3.6	28.0

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	583	+8	...	4.6	16.0
647	441	Bass	477	+5	19.1	5.0	10.4
299	189	Boddington	251	..	7.5	3.8	14.6
459	362	Bulmer (HP)	424	-2	...	3.0	18.5
184	129	Burtonwd Brw	175 ↑	...	4.7	3.4	14.6
130	75	Eldridge P 'A'	123	...	...	3.4	32.5
70½	50	Fosters Brewing	65	...	...	4.0	∞
435	338	Fullr Sm 'A'	408	...	...	2.3	17.5
480	373	Grand Met	387	+9	12.5	4.1	12.8
427	347	Greenalls Grp	368	..	12.0	4.1	12.2
575	505	Greene King	554	+5	...	2.8	15.2
521	388	Guinness	441	-8	...	3.4	16.5
281	230	Hardy Hansn	239	-6	7.8	4.1	13.3
138	105	Heavitree	115	-23	3.0	3.3	27.4
393	255	Highland Distl	336	+6	...	2.6	16.0
3138	2538	Hoh J	3100	...	42.0	1.7	20.2
80	33	Hoskins Brew	69	...	...	...	49.7
323	290	Invrgordn Dist	301	...	...	2.9	17.2
186	118	Macallan-Glen	118	..	4.3	4.6	26.5
465	375	Mardn Marsn 'A'	393	...	...	2.8	18.6
225	164	Mansfield	189	...	...	2.5	13.5
299	231	Merston Thmp	272	...	...	2.6	16.3
540	288½	Matthew Clark	531	-5	...	4.2	17.8
300	215	Mrrydwn W	218	...	7.0	4.0	17.2
545	455	Morland	525	+7	9.7	2.4	∞
12	6½	Paramount ▲	5	...	...	2.1	∞
199	145	Regent Inns	190	+1	...	3.0	19.3
1169	753	SA Breweries	1076	+1	...	2.5	18.1
482	393	Scot & New	472	+7	...	4.5	14.7
225	173	Taunton Cider	175	...	6.0	4.3	14.3
269	213	Vaux Group	261	+1	9.3	4.5	18.0
357	225	Wetherspoon JD	333	-1	...	3.0	25.8
574½	435	Whitbread 'A'	518	-2	...	4.4	12.3
1425	850	-do- 'B'	1134	...	...	2.0	27.2
613	463	Wolvrhmptn D	483	-5	11.9	3.1	13.6
515	475	Young 'A'	480	..	14.7	3.9	19.6

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
135	73	Abbey	135	...	...	1.7	22.2
25½	12½	Albrighton ▲	19	...	...	...	...
148	87	Allen ▲	141	...	...	4.5	31.6
120	65	Amec	108	+1	3.0	3.5	20.0
12	4	Anglia Sec	7½	...	...	...	...
326	190	Ashtead ▲	308	+1	...	1.9	32.3
143	101	Attwoods	139	+2	...	4.6	...
281½	180	BPB Ind	278	+11	...	3.5	47.3
91	57	Baggeridge Brk	91	...	3.1	4.3	30.6
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	30	...	0.6	2.9	...
108	74	Barcom	83	...	1.2	1.9	15.1
56½	32½	Bardon	41	+1	2.0	6.1	30.2
195	94	Barratt Devs	180	+2	4.0	2.8	∞
460	305	Bellway	449	...	12.0	3.4	∞
43	15	Bellwinch	38	...	...	...	...
499	295½	Berkeley Gp	430	+2	...	1.7	27.0
116	45	Bett Bros	101	...	2.0	2.5	∞
63	36	Blockleys	51	...	1.0	3.5	56.3
324	189	Blue Circle	322	+5	...	4.4	...
285	230	Boot (Henry)	273	...	6.0	2.7	15.3
106	78	Breedon PLC	87	...	4.6	6.6	21.4
138	82	Br Dredging	128	+3	5.2	5.1	28.4
86	45	Brit Fittings	81	...	1.7	2.7	...
151	99	Bryant	146	+4	...	4.1	29.5
121	53	CALA	116	...	...	2.5	...
328	200	CRH	323	+10	...	2.7	17.7
43	18	Cakebread Rby	30	...	...	...	...
41½	21	Costain	27½	...	...	...	...
150	86½	Countryside	143	...	...	3.6	37.8
98½	38	Crest Nicholson	94	...	0.0	...	...
112	27	Cussins	93	+2	...	1.3	...
7½	1½	Dunton ▲	5	...	...	...	...
25	15	Edmond Hldgs	18½	...	0.3	2.0	...
284	178	Epwin	284	...	7.0	3.1	24.0
59	32	Erith	54	...	0.3	0.8	...
306	252	Eve Group ▲	303	...	...	2.5	19.2
6½	3	Explaura ▲	3½	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp ▲	131	...	...	4.8	20.8
50	38	Galliford	38	...	1.0	3.3	∞
81	52	Gibbs & Dandy	80	...	...	...	...
923	695	Gleeson (MJ)	923	...	12.7	1.7	∞
164	90	Hewden-Stuart	155	+1	...	2.6	37.6
51	28	Hewetson	46	...	...	3.4	33.6
358	186	Heywd Wlm	337	...	12.5	4.6	...
119	37	Higgs & Hill	108	...	2.5	2.9	...
38	26	How Gp	27	...	...	5.2	...
21	15	Howard Hldgs	21	...	0.5	3.0	...
78	39	Ibstock Johnsen	66	...	1.0	1.9	...
19½	12½	Jarvis	19	...	...	...	...
316	196	Laing (J)	289	+3	9.0	3.9	11.6
127½	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	117½	...	...	6.8	...
110	55	Ln Clydeside ▲	110	...	4.5	5.1	41.4
23	10½	Lovell (YJ)	19	...	...	...	7.0
350	240	Manders	307	...	9.3	3.8	18.8
188	93	Marley	180	-9	4.2	2.9	52.8
125	61	Marshalls	122	+4	...	4.1	...
190	122	Maunders (J)	190	...	5.1	3.4	∞
217	96	McAlpine (A)	202	+2	6.5	4.0	35.1
47	23	McCarthy & S	39	...	0.5	1.6	...
458	272	Meyer Int	456	+3½	...	2.8	45.2
129	62	Mowlem (J)	120	...	4.0	4.2	...
165	51	NSM	150	-9	...	...	...
53	48	Needler ▲	48	...	...	3.7	22.4
171	106	Newman Tnks	150	...	...	5.6	20.0
300	197	Persimmon	276	...	8.6	3.9	28.2
36	10	Phoenix Timber	10	...	...	...	...
1725	1237½	Pochins	1550	...	29.0	2.4	21.8
163	80	Prowting	148 ↑	...	3.4	2.0	...
6½	1½	Quiligotti ▲	1½	...	...	...	...
878	555	RMC Gp	878	+26	...	2.8	33.0
117	75½	Raine Ind	77	...	...	4.9	18.2
36	18	Ramus ▲	28	...	...	...	...
575	402	Redland	563	+22	25.0	5.6	32.8
86	64	Roskel	80	...	4.3	6.7	11.8
296	207	Rugby Group	293	+5	6.4	2.8	22.4
68	23	Swiftd-Rve ▲	65	...	...	0.5	...
162	68	Sharpe & Fisher	162	+1	...	3.1	28.2
241	86½	Sheffield Insl	230	...	...	2.9	56.4
175	82	Sherlf Hldgs ▲	173	...	...	1.6	25.8
95	66	Shoreco ▲	93	...	...	7.0	21.1
240	196	Smart (J)	222 ↑	...	8.5	4.9	∞
1½	½	Starmin	...	...	...	...	...
156	100	Tarmac	142	-8	5.5	4.8	...
194	137	Tay Homes	170	-4	...	4.5	20.2
139	63	Taylor Woodrw	118	+1	1.0	1.1	...
633	433	Tilbury Dougls	588	...	33.0	7.0	19.1
39	19	Torex Hire ▲	35	...	...	1.4	...
288	168	Travis Perkins	284	...	8.0	3.5	30.0
40	25	Try Group	26	...	1.0	4.8	7.4
28	21	Tudor ▲	21	...	...	1.5	...
99	41	Vibroplant	86	...	2.5	3.7	30.5
65	20	Ward Hldgs	33	...	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	35	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	422	...	...	3.5	18.4
21½	6½	Wescol ▲	19	...	...	...	...
174	90	Westbury	166 ↑	...	5.0	3.8	25.9
12	4½	West Scaffold ▲	7½	...	...	...	...
4½	3	Wiggins	3½	...	...	...	...
457½	362	Wilson Bowdn	416	-1	...	2.7	29.3
205	147	Wilson (C)	181	-1	3.0	2.7	31.4
194	104	Wimpey G	177	+5	...	3.7	...
47	25	YRM	31	...	0.5	2.0	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	590	...	...	...	...
249	198	Adam & Harvey	243 ↑	...	13.0	6.7	4.5
92	56	Air London ▲	61	...	...	7.2	10.9
56	37	African Lakes	44	...	2.0	5.7	...
178	91	Auto Sec	130	...	...	5.9	23.3
139	94	BET Ord	127	-1	...	2.2	5.1
113	41	BNB Res	113	...	4.9	5.4	...
319	193	BPP	255	-18	8.3	4.5	12.9
265	195	Barbour Index	245	...	8.0	4.1	16.7
29	15	Boustead	21	...	0.7	3.7	...
269	184	Brit Data Mgt	230	...	4.2	2.6	16.8
21	11	Broadcastle ▲	21	-1	...	1.3	19.1
73	54	Brooks Service	59	...	...	1.1	...
109	86	CRT Gp	87	...	...	4.0	15.4
193	139½	Capita Group	186	...	...	1.5	29.0
45½	31	Casket Plc	39	...	...	2.9	14.8
55	16½	Chiltern Capital	30	-2½	...	...	...
51	36	Christie	49	...	...	...	...
330	228	Chubb Sec	350	-4	...	1.7	21.7
100	90	Comaca ▲	98	+2	...	1.9	25.6
37	6½	Corp Services	30	...	...	...	...
91	20	Coutts Cnslt	86	...	...	...	...
137	90	Dart	133	...	3.3	3.1	18.0
256	198	Davis Service	212	...	...	4.7	16.0
104	85	EW Facts	104 ■	...	4.4	5.5	11.7
32	11	Gardiner	27½	...	0.4	1.9	19.1
277	215	Hays	257	+2	5.3	2.6	∞
269	174	Hogg Robinsn	229	...	...	3.7	16.5
70	34	Holmes Protectn	34	...	...	...	2.4
284	127	Hutch Whamp	280	-2	...	1.7	23.4
217½	97½	ISS B DKr	200½	...	...	1.0	14.2
657	475	Inchcape	578	+6	...	3.5	16.6
475	369	Johnson Clean	463	...	25.7	3.7	18.8
12	2½	Lep	9	...	...	...	...
298	173	Mitie Gp	275	...	3.5	1.6	21.4
1167	593	Manpower	1058	-67	...	...	...
62	40½	Michael Page	58½	...	1.6	3.8	25.3
279	120	Pettna ▲	120	...	...	8.4	4.5
4½	2	Prime People ▲	3½	...	...	...	...
142	57	Proudfoot Alex	63	...	...	29.8	3.5
423	337	RCO	388	...	14.1	4.6	13.3
119	86	REA	97	...	2.0	2.6	...
108	43	Reed Executive	95	-2	...	...	...
156	108	Reliance Secs ▲	130	...	...	5.1	23.9
234	178	Rentokil	206	+4	2.5	1.5	25.7
257	230	Rolfe & Nolan	232	+2	...	3.5	15.0
340	334	Salvesen (C)	339	-3	...	2.9	18.6
79	26	Scott Pickford ▲	35	...	...	2.9	11.2
10	5	Select App ▲	7½	...	...	...	...
1200	695	Serco Gp	1228	...	13.3	1.4	34.0
157	83	Sherwd Cmpt ▲	95	+1	...	9.2	2.8
150	90	Sketchley	102	-2	...	2.7	23.1
345	310	Warner Howard	320 ■	...	6.6	2.5	17.2
45	27	Weirtec	28	...	...	...	...
28	14	Wills Gp	25	...	0.4	1.9	∞

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
246	210	Allied Colloids	234	...	...	2.4	19.7
957	613	Amersham	939 ↑	...	...	1.9	72.5
7	1½	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	...	...
£112	8325	BASF DM	£108½	+2½	...	6.2	...
300	191	BTP	286	-3	...	4.3	18.6
£139½	£101½	Bayer DM50	£129½	-14½	...	4.2	...
178	115	Blagden	136	...	6.5	6.7	14.4
165	95	Brent Chems	114	...	...	8.1	10.4
533	345	Br Bio-Tech	377	-4	...	...	...
29	6½	Calnl Gp	6½	...	...	22.2	18.1
180	125	Canning (W)	146	...	7.2	6.2	16.7
468	421	Courtaulds	429	-1	...	4.2	10.6
341	228	Croda	341	...	...	2.9	19.8
149	121	Deeflex	132	...	4.6	4.7	9.4
201	175	Ellis & Everard	207	...	...	4.3	19.8
42	15½	Euro Colour	36½	...	0.8	3.0	17.5
344	250	Halstead (J)	343	...	...	2.4	17.0
241	150	Hickson	155	...	...	6.5	14.4
£118	8950	Hoechst	£110½	+13½	...	3.3	...
249	173	Holliday Chem	234	...	...	2.2	16.0
749½	618	ICI	739	+45	...	4.8	...
603	376	Laporte	600	-1	19.9	3.8	17.9
230	189	Leigh	191	-6	...	5.1	15.6
97½	77	MTM	48	...	...	...	...
2050	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1937½	-59½	...	1.5	27.6
464	370	Pearson Zoch	450	...	...	3.5	15.2
420	360	-do- 'A'	405	...	...	3.9	13.7
296	199	Plysu	295	...	...	4.3	13.4
303	173	Porvair	298	...	3.8	1.6	31.9
70	35	Sutcliffe Speak	47	...	...	...	...
485	412	Wardle Storeys	418 ↑	...	...	5.2	19.3
540	395	Wistnhlme R	538	...	17.0	3.9	18.4
425	330	Yorks Chem	397	+4	...	2.4	21.3
300	233	Yule Catto	263	-2	...	2.9	16.4
799	593	Zeneca	744	-5	...	4.6	43.9

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	69½	...	...	5.4	...
87	42	Amber Day	55 ↑	...	1.3	3.1	∞
358	257	Argos Plc	336	+2	...	2.7	28.7
25	9½	Ashley Group	10	...	...	2.3	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	87	+1	0.1	0.1	...
330	278	Asprey	310	-1	5.1	2.1	21.5
154	94	Austin Reed	147	...	...	2.1	...
155	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	148	...	...	5.2	14.9
121	94	Bentalls	100	...	1.9	2.4	...
278	142½	Bentermare	159 ↑	+6	...	1.7	19.0
47	22	Blacks Leis	42	-1	2.2	6.8	...
227	133	Body Shop	204	...	...	1.1	26.3
16½	11½	Brown & Jackson	11½	-¼	...	0.9	5.9
434	318	Brown (N)	418	+2	...	2.2	24.6
87½	63½	Burton	63½	-½	2.0	4.0	∞
170	120	Cantors	170	...	4.0	2.9	∞
360	295	Church	334	-1	12.5	4.7	29.7
183	97	Clinton Cards	151	...	4.3	3.6	18.2
280½	212	Coats Viyella	259	-1	...	3.6	35.8
112	78	Colourvision ▲	88	...	5.6	8.0	15.8
181	154	Ctry Casuals	158	...	...	3.3	14.7
830	374	Courts Furnish	823	...	5.5	0.8	10.3
155	115	Crown Eyes ▲	135	...	...	6.5	9.2
130	89	Dairy Farm Ind	117	...	...	3.1	17.2
91	51½	Dewhurst (D)	89½	...	0.8	1.1	28.7
285	199	Dixons Grp	262	-3	...	3.0	...
21	8	ERA Gp	11	...	...	...	...
530	400	Etys (Wimbldn)	530	...	16.0	3.8	18.2
166	71	Essex Furn	145	...	...	3.0	∞
273	203	Elam	234	...	7.0	3.9	20.4
608	490	Fine Art Dev	539	+4	12.7	3.0	17.6
70	26	Fired Earth Tiles	47	...	...	...	...
588	498	Fornbister	585	...	14.0	3.0	10.6
180	24	French Conn ▲	125	...	...	...	...
74	43	Gent SR	71	...	2.1	3.7	∞
78	23	Goldsmiths Gp	73	-1	0.3	0.5	...
579	334	GUS	565	+10	...	2.4	18.1
40	23	Hampden Grp ▲	23	...	...	5.4	11.4
277	30	Harnstone	49	...	...	7.1	...
27½	20	Helene Plc	26	...	2.0	0.7	12.3
75	28	Heritage ▲	75	...	...	...	...
79	35	Honeysuckle ▲	73	...	...	3.9	∞
161	63	Jacques Vert	156	...	...	2.4	12.0
691	496	Kingfisher	657	+3	...	2.6	22.6
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	73	+2	4.0	6.8	15.0
685	495	Liberty	565	...	7.2	1.6	66.5
320	241	Lloyds Chem	300	+3	7.2	3.0	∞
152	120	MFI	137	-1	...	3.4	28.8
413½	311	Marks Spencer	411 ↑	+7	...	2.6	21.0
580	445	Menzies (John)	559	...	...	2.4	15.8
253	135	Moss Bros	227	...	5.5	0.8	26.7
212	139½	Next	183 ↑	...	3.5	2.4	21.8
41	15	Oliver (G)	39	...	...	...	...
324	197	Oriflame Intl	302	...	...	4.0	14.8
63	36	Penrose	36	...	0.8	2.8	7.5
313	185	QS Hldgs	190	...	5.1	3.4	13.5
69½	20½	Rhino Grp ▲	54 ↑	...	...	...	...
170	130	Rosebys	170	...	...	3.6	20.4
181	135	Sherwood Gp	143	-1	...	2.3	12.0
120½	93	Sears	117½	-½	...	3.7	...
41½	11	Signet Group	23	...	...	...	...
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	461	+1	...	3.9	15.1
20	4½	Specialeyes ▲	18	...	...	...	...
229	176	Storehouse	200	+3	...	3.2	19.5
191	148	T & S Stores	148	-2	6.0	5.1	11.0
162	71	Tie Rack	134	...	1.0	0.9	21.9
239	160	Time Products	227	...	7.7	4.3	19.3
128	63	Usher (Frank) ▲	105	...	...	7.1	9.1
45	27	Vival	36	...	1.0	3.5	11.1
48	34	Wensum ▲	42 ↑	...	...	5.6	...
119	76	Wickes	115 ↑	...	...	0.2	52.3
78	45	Wid of Leather ▲	60	-2	...	...	...
192½	142	Wyevale ▲	164	...	...	3.3	21.7
4	2½	Xtra-vision ▲	3	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	158 ↑	-1	...	4.0	15.9
256	223	Acal ▲	256	+3	...	3.1	17.8
162½	38	Acorn Comp ▲	91	...	...	...	46.1
480	385	Admiral	469	...	5.7	1.5	19.8
170	104	Alba	163	...	...	3.7	20.3
50	19½	Alphameric	39½	...	...	...	...
55	22	Amstrad	45½	+½	0.5	1.4	∞
128	61	App Holo ▲	74	+5	...	...	...
48	9½	Arlen	37	...	...	...	...
83	35½	Astec	70½	...	...	0.4	...
293	238	Beales Hunter	238	-5	...	4.9	14.7
9	2	Bennett & Fount	2½	...	...	...	...
446	319	BICC	387	...	19.2	6.2	79.6
558	408	Blick	447	-2	...	2.9	17.9
1700	925	Borland ▲	1200	...	...	...	...
371	274	Bowthorpe	347 ↑	+4	6.4	2.3	22.7
478½	376	BT	459½	+5½	...	4.4	17.5
228½	150	BT P/P	208½	+4½	...	4.4	21.8
18½	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	16	...	0.1	0.8	...
160	83	Burnfield	83	-3	5.7	8.7	13.1
509	334½	Cable Wireless	470	+4	...	2.0	26.4
27½	11½	Chloride	23½	+2	...	...	...
273	229	CML Micro ▲	270	...	...	2.2	19.6
115	74	Comptr People	110	...	...	...	...
164	108½	Cray Elect	147	...	...	1.3	15.1
433	243	Critchley	417	...	...	1.5	23.8
554	414	Delta	480	+3	...	3.6	20.1
423	305	Denmans El ▲	420	...	...	1.8	17.9
630	395	Domino	429	..	7.4	2.2	14.7
65	48	Dowding Mills	62	...	...	5.0	26.6
1203	865	Drucks	1203	+3	10.0	1.0	25.7
469	358	Electrocomps	455 ↑	+5	...	2.3	18.5
710	470	El Data Pr	683	...	5.1	0.9	18.7
146	43	Electron House	131	...	2.6	2.5	28.7
30½	10½	Emess	21	-½	0.1	0.6	...
632	442	Eurotherm	629	...	8.5	1.7	28.6
187½	108	FKI	182	+1	...	2.3	28.4
509	340	Farnell Elect	508	+1	...	1.6	26.9
91	33	Feedback ▲	77	...	...	2.4	10.0
18	1	Ferranti	1	...	...	...	...
280	101	First Tech	258	...	...	0.5	21.5
270	81	Forward Gp ▲	268	+12	...	2.0	22.2
22½	13½	Forward Tech	14½	...	...	...	...
367½	264	GEC	337½	+3	10.3	3.8	16.9
199	132	Graseby	153	...	...	6.9	32.2
14	7½	Graystone	10½	...	...	...	...
53	36	Hitclare ▲	43	...	...	1.5	...
169	83	INSTEM ▲	135	...	...	2.9	9.7
169	118	Ind Control	150	...	4.4	3.7	∞
388	320	Jones Stroud	388	...	...	2.8	15.6
88	26	Kalamazoo	87	+2	2.1	3.0	20.2
19	8	Kembrey	13	...	0.1	1.5	...
349	260	Kenwood App	320	-1	...	3.1	17.8
265	47	Kewill Sys ▲	252	-1	...	...	...
209	100	Kode	165	...	6.0	4.5	19.6
60	16	Laser-Scan ▲	25	...	...	...	...
365	122	LBMS ▲	223	...	...	0.4	31.4
305	105	Lec Refrig	265	...	9.0	4.2	...
179	129	Life Sciences	135	+1	3.7	3.5	14.6
285	164	Lodge	199	+1	...	1.9	29.9
55	44	LPA Ind ▲	52	...	...	8.5	14.7
239	162	MR Data Mngmt	208	-1	...	3.1	19.5
718	523	Macro 4	673	...	...	3.3	20.5
243	175½	Memtier-Swa ▲	215	...	...	2.1	19.0
3013	1298	Micro Focus	1315	-33	...	...	12.1
227	147	Microgen	153	...	7.2	5.9	10.4
36	23½	Microvitec ▲	30	-½	...	...	...
529	357	Misys	520	...	...	1.7	19.0
584	98	Mitel	369	-8	...	...	...
163	108	MMT Comp ▲	153	...	...	3.3	20.5
50½	16	Molynx	47	...	1.3	...	...
272	202	MTL Inst ▲	250	-1	...	1.9	18.8
240	103	Muirhead Elect	140	...	3.5	3.1	25.4
265	116	Murray Enter	233	-1	...	2.1	...
3209½	2612½	NYNEX	2837½	+100	...	...	...
188	128	Neutronics	130	...	2.6	2.5	16.8
65	42	Newmark (L)	56	...	...	...	...
277	58	Norbain ▲	269	...	...	0.7	20.7
75	20	Northamber	64½	...	0.6	1.2	...
15	7½	Oceonics	8½	...	...	...	...
297	195	Oxford Inst	278	-6	4.6	2.1	19.0
83	48	P-E Internt'l	73	...	...	...	...
81½	29	P & P	62	...	1.5	3.0	32.9
80	55	Peek	76	...	3.4	5.6	19.8
257	115	Pegasus ▲	214	...	...	3.7	54.9
9500	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9500	...	...	6.1	...
1437½	725	-do- Lmp nv	1312½	...	...	...	...
313	211	Phonelink ▲	278	...	...	...	...
290	171½	Pifco	273	...	...	1.9	22.9
280	151½	-do- 'A' Voting	263	...	...	2.0	22.0
96	63	Plasmec ▲	73	...	...	5.1	6.2
120	76	Pressac	105	...	...	3.1	22.3
188	81	Psion ▲	187	...	...	1.7	49.7
261	160	Racal Elect	193	+7½	4.2	2.7	11.5
70	43	Radamec	43	...	...	4.4	9.2
70	31	Radius ▲	35	...	2.2	8.0	12.1
92	61	Real Time ▲	70	...	...	5.4	14.4
35	18	Riva ▲	27	...	...	...	34.2
639	367	Sage Gp	432	...	9.3	2.7	13.8
348	222	Sanderson Elec	304	...	9.9	4.1	13.0
98	49	Scantronic	75	...	3.1	5.2	18.9
181	117	Scholes Grp	159	-5	...	3.9	20.6
375	270	Sema Gp	321	...	2.9	1.1	26.0
42	26	Silverdines	41	+1	...	2.9	...
51	37	Soundtracks ▲	51	...	...	5.6	17.2
2675	1737½	TDK	2237½	-12½	...	1.4	25.3
27	4½	TDS Circuits ▲	11½	...	...	...	...
198	80	Telemetrix	142	-3	0.8	0.7	23.4
1017	809	THORN EMI	917	+22	...	4.4	21.0
152	96	Thorpe FW	120	-3	...	2.8	14.0
103	43	Total Systems ▲	43	...	3.0	8.7	7.6
575	372	Tunstall	565	...	5.7	1.3	22.6
295	164	Unitech	250	...	...	3.0	59.2
11½	6	Verity	9	...	...	...	...
35	22½	Vistec ▲	24	...	...	2.0	13.8
585	367	Vodafone	513	-2	...	1.9	22.1
473	368	Volex	403	...	18.1	5.7	16.3
26	11	Western Selectn	19	...	...	...	...
290	223	Wholesale Ftgs	268	...	11.7	5.5	28.5

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	389	East Midlands	564	+4	...	4.3	10.6
622	390	Eastern Elec	592	+3	...	4.1	11.8
419	304	Hydro-Elect	393	-5	...	3.6	14.2
619	404	London Elect	586	...	...	4.2	13.0
673	458	Manweb	650	+2	...	4.2	9.4
643	424½	Midlands Elec	608	+1	...	4.1	10.9
421	273	National Power	399½	+½	...	3.5	9.9
666	440	Northern Elec	630	-3	...	4.3	9.1
206	100	Nthn Ireland	193	-1	...	4.0	10.5
672	439	Norweb	647	+7	20.0	3.9	10.0
476½	273	PowerGen	449	-8	...	3.1	11.8
420	285	Scottish Power	406½	-2½	...	3.6	14.9
661	436	Seeboard	643	+8	...	3.9	10.4
681	469	Sth Wales	648	...	...	4.3	10.8
628	420	Sth Western	606	+2	...	4.1	9.6
647	406	Southern Elec	617	+2	...	4.0	11.2
647	455	Yorkshire Elec	624	+4	...	4.1	11.8

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	55	...	1.0	2.3	11.7
133	47	BWD ▲	125	...	...	3.4	19.5
101	26	Baltic Plc	101	...	...	1.2	...
578	413	Caledonia	578	-10	...	3.4	21.3
1850	1075	Camellia	1850	+50	...	2.0	6.9
318	243	Candover	300	...	10.4	4.4	21.2
290	71	Flexech ▲	283	+6	...	0.2	...
352	155	Gowen	326	-4	...	5.0	9.6
188	125	Ivory Sime	163	+8	...	5.0	15.3
6½	3	LIT	5	...	...	...	...
240	154	Lon Forfaitng ▲	228	...	8.7	4.8	16.6
74	47	Manakin	74	...	5.0	8.4	∞
12½	3	Nat Home Loan	8½	...	...	...	...
52	40	Newmarket	52	...	...	...	...
341	246	Rathbone Brs	305	...	6.5	2.7	18.5
26	17	Rutland Tst	23½	...	...	4.3	14.0
340	253	S & U	304	...	10.2	4.2	11.3
83	48	Singer & Fried	79	...	...	4.7	...
1038	713	Sothebys	993 ↑	...	...	3.4	...
126	114	SJP Capital	116	...	3.0	3.2	47.8

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2086½	1487½	Amer Express	2062½	+31½	...	...	...
1133	836	Henderson Ad	983	+3	...	5.5	21.9
200	92	Invesco	152	...	...	2.5	...
292	164	Jardine Strat	261	...	...	3.0	10.9
236	154	MAI	223	-2	...	3.9	14.1
728	389	MAM	628 ↑	+4	16.0	3.2	15.7
1005	633	M & G	923	-5	...	2.9	24.6
408	109	Smith New Crt	371	+3	...	2.0	5.6
81	45	Trio Hldgs	47	-2	...	8.0	...

FOODS

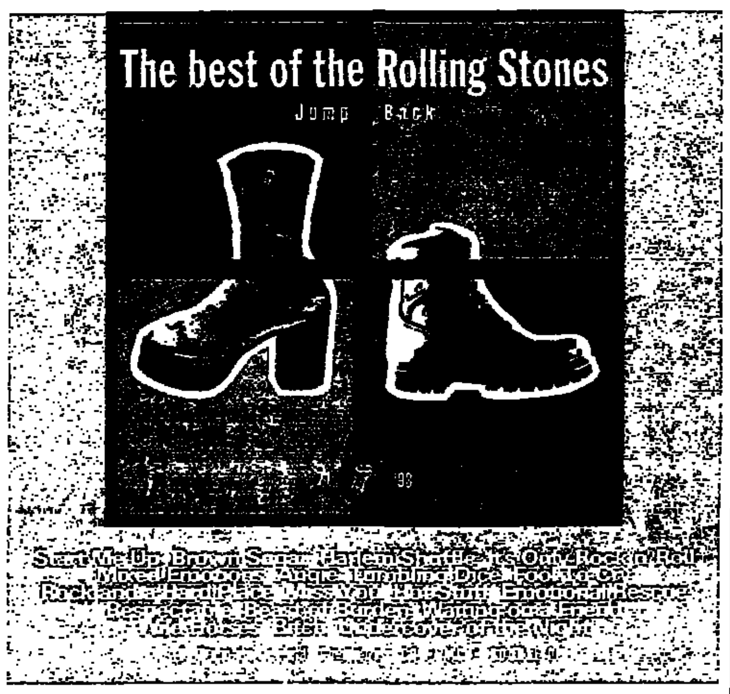
1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
536½	456	AB Food	506	+6	...	3.8	10.3
77½	49	ASDA Group	52½	+½	1.6	3.8	12.6
320	170	Acatos & Hutch	316	...	7.6	3.0	18.2
80	55	Albert Fisher	59	-1	3.7	7.9	∞
407	246	Argyll	259	-3	...	5.3	9.6
230	160	Banks (S C)	224	-1	9.0	5.0	10.0
402	305	Barr (AG)	305	...	6.5	2.7	15.4
85	57	Bensons Crsps	62	...	...	5.7	13.9
141	100	Berisford Intl	100	...	...	...	...
455	357	Booker	402	...	...	6.8	34.9
52	35	Borthwick	50	+½	...	3.0	62.1
505	430	Brake Bros	476 ↑	-2	6.3	1.7	19.8
51	28	Budgen	40	...	...	3.1	12.1
503	407	Cadbury-Schw	447½	-2½	...	3.8	15.8
143	78	Carrs Milling	129	...	3.9	3.8	25.8
196	133	Cranswick	143	-2	...	7.0	10.7
22	8½	Cullens	13	...	0.5	4.8	37.3
384	119	Dalepak	138	...	6.0	5.4	10.9
521	424	Dalgety	461	...	...	5.6	13.2
54	27	Daniels S	50	...	...	0.6	...
248	191	Devro	244	+1	...	2.8	23.2
134	99	Everest	101	...	...	4.6	18.3
383	269	Farepak	369	...	5.7	1.9	22.7
10	3	Farrington	7	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	72 ↑	-1	...	7.2	23.9
125	78	Fyffes	105	...	...	1.4	18.9
483	324	Geest	325 ↑	-3	8.1	3.1	14.6
16	7	Global ▲	14	...	...	4.5	21.8
49	43	Grand Central	49	...	0.8	2.0	...
203	140	Hazlewood Fds	141	-7	...	5.9	7.8
175	131	Hillsdown	147	-2	8.8	7.5	11.5
250	160	Iceland Group	169	...	...	2.6	10.7
131	100	JLI Group	100	...	...	3.8	11.1
853	566	Kwik Save	566	-7	18.3	4.1	∞
262	144	Low (Wm)	152	+1	...	7.2	5.1
83	41	Matthews (B)	73	...	2.3	4.0	47.8
19½	11	Merchant Retail	11	...	0.9	11.0	22.1
174	84	Morrison (W)	87	-2	...	1.2	11.3
233	177	Nichols (JN)	226	-1	5.5	3.1	16.4
291	220	Nthn Foods	224	-3	...	4.8	10.8
20½	9½	Nrthmbrn Fds	12	...	...	...	...
229	172	Nurdin Peack	180	...	...	4.3	10.0
251	205	Park Foods	245	+5	...	3.1	18.9
115	78	Perkins Food	80	...	...	7.0	9.2
114	47	PizzaExpress	100	...	...	0.6	21.1
9	1½	Regina Hlth ▲	4	...	...	...	...
584	360	Sainsbury J	396	+5	...	3.3	13.8
86	33	Sentry Farms ▲	73	...	...	2.6	13.1
225	94	Sims Food	108	...	...	8.7	20.8
430	355½	Tate & Lyle	399	+4	...	4.2	∞
273	176	Tesco	194	-½	...	4.7	8.8
211	123	Thorntons	165	...	...	2.8	...
183	101	Treats ▲	143	-4	...	3.3	16.3
410	300	Unigate	345	-3	...	6.0	11.1
437	326	Utd Biscuits	335	-2	...	5.7	20.7
24½	18½	Usborne	21½	...	...	3.1	15.9
337	248	Watson & Phil	287	...	13.2	5.7	15.0

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
26	12	Abrdn Stk H ▲	26	...	...	...	...
93½	77	Cty Centre Rest	83	...	1.5	2.4	20.0
250	170	Forte	236	+5	...	4.0	18.5
215	148	Friendly Hotels	152	...	...	4.7	29.6
11½	5	Harmony Leis ▲	9½	...	...	...	...
135½	87	Jurys Hotel	123 ↑	-2	...	5.2	9.9
222½	149	Ladbroke	161	+1	11.1	8.7	13.8
85	59	Mandarin Orntl	78	...	...	4.3	19.3
59	44	Queens Moat	47½ #	...	...	...	...
99	83	-do- 7¼% cvpr	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	¼	Regal Hotels ▲	...	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
24	11½	Ryan Hotels E	18½	...	...	6.4	...
855	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	800	+2	7.0	1.1	...
66	34½	Stakis	59	...	...	1.0	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	19	AAF Inds	36	...	...	...	2.2
616	455	AAH	482	-13	...	4.6	15.3
185	123	ADM	138	-5	7.5	6.8	8.4
132	88	APV	102	+1	...	6.6	...
238	81	ASW	145	...	...	5.2	...
186½	118	Adwest	153	-1	...	5.9	14.7
29	10	Aerospace Eng	19½	+½	...	4.8	25.6
281	249	Airsprung	274	...	...	2.1	17.5
184	113	Alenco W	178	+4	4.1	2.9	28.2
13½	6½	Allied Radio	7	...	...	...	...
292½	207½	Alumasc	283	...	...	2.6	16.7
48	17	Alvis	36	...	1.0	3.5	7.4
610	345	Amber Ind	610	...	...	3.9	13.8
56	45	Amberley Gp ▲	46	...	...	2.7	...
107	75	Amogen	81	...	...	...	...
145	75	Andrews Sykes	84	...	...	6.5	...
1005	703	Antofagasta	910	...	...	2.2	16.8
54½	37	Armour	46	...	...	4.4	10.9
170	143	Ash & Lacy	153	...	6.4	5.2	15.6
4	2½	Ass Br Eng	2½	...	...	2.3	...
541½	434	Avon Rubber	492	-4	...	4.2	19.6
265	168	Assoc Nursg ▲	255	...	...	0.5	15.6
687½	508	Atlas Equip	508	...	...	5.4	12.8
81	35	Ayrshire Metal	68	...	...	...	...
190	147	BBA	189	+4	...	5.0	16.1
88	28	BLP Group ▲	48	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	22	-½	3.4	19.3	0.9
770	590	BOC	627	-9	...	4.7	14.5
79½	50	BSG	56½	+½	...	7.1	19.7
490	353	BSS Group	484	...	...	4.5	28.0
409½	318	BTR	341½	-2½	...	4.1	19.1
221	153	BWI	154 ↑	...	...	5.4	14.3
35	25½	Babcock	28½	-1	...	4.9	16.9
9	4½	Bailey (CH)	7½	...	...	...	...
299	240	Baird (Wm)	261	+2	8.9	4.3	17.9
1062½	550	Barlow Rand	681½	...	...	4.9	∞
65	48	Baynes (Charles)	60	...	...	3.1	24.6
5	4	Beaufort	4½	...	...	...	...
8	2½	Beckenham ▲	2½	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W) ▲	31	...	...	...	...
27½	15	Benson Group	16	...	...	2.3	12.1
707	290	Bespak	290	-18	10.0	4.3	9.1
133	55	Bibby (J)	85	...	2.0	4.5	∞
312	129	Billam (J)	258	...	5.3	2.6	13.0
41	21½	Bilston Brtsea ▲	28	...	...	...	...
11½	2	Bimec Ind	3½	...	...	...	...
220	118½	Birkby	220	-1	3.5	2.0	20.8
45	29	Black Arrow	29	...	2.1	9.2	8.9
1½	½	Black & Edgtn ▲	1½	...	...	...	...
253	136	Black (Peter)	243	...	3.7	1.9	21.4
575	129	Bluebird Toys ▲	573	+10	...	1.0	17.5
322	230	Bodycote	241 ↑	+5	...	2.7	15.4
40	23	Bogod 'A'	30	...	0.7	2.9	11.2
563	416	Boots	525 ↑	+5	...	3.3	20.7
61	42	Booth Inds	50	...	0.7	1.8	...
523	402	Bowater	436	+1	...	3.4	18.2
1682	1189	Bowater Inc	1345	+6	...	...	...
279	199	Boxmore Intl ▲	273	...	...	1.7	20.4
19	12½	Brasway	14	...	...	4.6	...
303	204	Brammer	290	...	13.0	5.6	21.6
27	12	Bridgend Gp	21	...	...	0.4	...
125	64	Bridon	124 ↑	-1	...	4.0	...
88	53	Bridport-Gndry	70	...	2.5	4.5	∞
48	31	Brierley Inv	44	-1	...	7.7	∞
308	205	Br Bldg & Eng	205	...	8.0	4.9	∞
82	42	Br Bloodstock ▲	78	...	...	...	...
528	417	Br Polythene	418	...	...	3.1	15.0
131½	54	Br Steel	118	+2	...	1.6	...
180	80	Br Syphon	85	...	...	4.4	23.8
180	115	Br Thornton	159	...	...	2.0	17.4
268	215	Br Vita	236	...	7.3	3.9	14.5
15½	5½	Britton Grp	13½	-½	...	1.7	...
805	555	Broken Hill	760	...	...	2.3	35.8
112	78	Bromsgrve Ind	92	...	...	6.0	12.0
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	9	...	...	...	...
73	40	Brown & Tawse	40	...	...	...	...
132	91	Bullough	124	...	6.0	6.1	21.2
24	11½	Business Tech ▲	17	-½	...	...	...
28	12	CI Group	14	...	0.5	5.3	13.1
42	11	Campbell & Arm	34	...	...	...	...
39	8½	Cannon St	31½	...	...	...	...
260	205	Cape	260	...	...	5.0	17.6
345	234	Caradon	345	+12	...	3.2	27.9
169½	128	-do- pf	168½	+4	7.2	5.4	...
253	178	Carclo Eng	253	...	8.6	4.2	18.0
2898	2138	Carnaud Mt	2138	-12	...	2.9	∞
78	68	Cassidy Bros ▲	78	...	...	3.8	12.8
213	158	Castings	196	-2	4.3	2.8	13.8
71	53	Cathay Intl	55	+1	...	...	...
195	113	Chamberlin Hill	185 ↑	...	6.5	4.4	11.6
753	605	Charter	731	-3	...	3.8	17.1
345	220	Chemring	325	...	...	3.2	19.6
92	45	Chieftain Gp ▲	53	...	4.5	11.3	10.7
49½	15½	Chillington	36	...	1.0	3.5	...
215	144	Christies Int	223	+1	...	0.9	51.6
65	45	Clayhithe	65	...	...	4.8	...
95	95	Clayton Son	95	...	...	...	...
7	...	Co Designers ▲	7 #	...	...	...	...
405	295	Cohen (A)	403	...	3.4	1.1	...
279	170	Community H	229	...	...	3.8	15.6
246	166½	Concentric	204	...	5.8	3.7	∞
248	120	Cook (Wm)	239 ↑	-2	6.0	3.1	14.5
233	182	Cookson	229	+1	...	3.7	20.7
76	38	Copymore ▲	77	...	...	1.8	21.7
238	130	Crwell Plr 'A'	150	...	...	4.5	21.5
178	92	Corah	119	...	5.3	5.9	∞
224	150	Creighton Nt ▲	207	...	...	4.5	14.7
33	25	CrestaCare	30	...	0.6	2.7	26.0
3956½	2903½	Dana	3606½ ↑	-65½	...	...	...
313	178½	Danka Bs Sys	285	+3	...	0.7	26.8
243	193	David Brown	234	-1	...	3.5	15.2
22	5	Davies (DY) ▲	18	...	...	...	...
802	632	De La Rue	797	+3	...	3.0	21.0
30	16	Dinkie Heel	29	...	1.1	4.8	22.7
574	391	Diploma	561	+2	12.0	2.7	∞
85	50	Dobson Park	85	...	5.0	7.4	15.3
119	92	Dyson (J&J)	109	...	5.0	5.7	20.1
83	57	-do- 'A'	72	...	5.0	8.7	13.2
16½	8	EFG	14	...	...	...	...
440	367	EIS	403 ↑	...	...	3.7	18.0
28	19	Elbief	22	...	...	...	...
50	19	Elecco	48	...	...	...	0.00
2537½	1750	Electrolux 'B'	2350	...	...	2.2	...
73	43	Elliott (B)	67	...	...	...	...
475	394	Eng China Cl	406	-3	...	6.2	23.6
140	111	Environmed	135	...	...	...	58.0
3962½	1550	Ericsson 'B'	2775	+75	...	1.0	...
77	32	Eurocopy	54	...	1.0	2.3	21.0
87	47	Expamet	63	...	...	4.8	1.5
717	499	Fairey Group	674	...	10.7	2.0	20.8
121	47	Fenner	118	...	...	...	...
75	32	Ferraris Group	72	...	2.0	3.5	∞
1½	½	Ferromet ▲	1½	...	...	...	...
29	15	Ferrum	15	...	1.4	11.7	10.5
61	28	Fife Indmar	61	...	0.7	1.5	...
251	138	Fisons	143 ↑	+3	...	7.0	13.3
53	29	Fitzwilton	53	...	...	8.6	...
288	215	Flogas	288	...	...	3.9	11.6
43	33	Folkes Group nv	33	...	1.5	5.7	18.7
86	56	French (Thomas)	86	...	3.6	5.3	43.1
234	162	Frost Group	212	...	...	2.6	27.5
88	70	GEI Int	70	-15	...	4.4	...
513	434	GKN	482	+2	...	5.3	32.1
51	42	GR Hldgs	46 ↑	...	...	4.9	...
101	79	Garton Eng	94	...	4.1	5.5	...
161	103	Gestetner	138	...	8.2	7.4	6.0
68	23	Glees	48	...	...	...	34.7
801	509	Glaxo	651	+15	...	4.2	17.0
38½	16	Glenchewton	38	-½	...	...	...
331	245	Glynwed	308	+3	11.6	4.7	28.0
129	66	Goode Durrant	123	...	...	5.5	...
153	102	Gompian Hd	136	-1	5.5	5.1	23.4
498	341	Granada	444	-1	7.9	2.2	23.6
447	301	Great Slam ▲	445	...	...	3.2	18.3
117	78	Green (Ernst) ▲	86	...	...	10.2	∞
15½	8½	Greenacre ▲	13½	...	...	2.7	13.6
17	5	Guardian Grp ▲	5½	...	...	...	...
66½	30½	Haden MacLn	66½	...	...	3.8	24.0
94	44	Hadleigh Inds ▲	78	...	...	0.8	...
290	115	Hall Eng	275	-1	8.6	3.9	23.0
229	161	Halma	209	+7	...	1.2	28.1
50	30	Hampson Ind	50	...	1.6	4.0	16.5
285	222	Hanson	281	+2½	...	5.1	14.3
221	153	Harris (Philip)	158	...	...	5.4	9.6
198	147	Harsion Crsfld	184	+5	9.0	6.1	26.6
123	38	Havelock Euro	116	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	38	...	...	...	...
30	17	Headway	30	...	0.7	2.9	∞
13½	4½	Healthcare	4½	...	...	22.2	1.2
410	301	Hepworth	407	...	14.8	4.6	17.5
228	160	Hewitt (J)	207	-3	3.2	2.0	16.2
57½	15	High-Point	53	...	0.5	1.2	...
166	112½	Hill & Smith	165	...	...	4.3	23.0
19½	6½	Hobson ▲	17½	...	...	...	...
176	87	Holders Tech ▲	172	...	...	4.4	22.4
52	30	Hopkinsons	45	...	0.9	2.5	34.0
183	133	Hornby ▲	180	...	...	6.3	17.0
88	54½	Howden	79	...	2.3	3.5	14.6
260	173	Hunting	229	-1	...	5.5	19.3
503	269½	Huntigh Tec ▲	460	+5	...	2.7	11.7
312	247	IMI	287	-1	...	4.4	25.5
119	90	ISA Intl	113	...	1.5	1.7	17.6
205	131	Intercare Gp ▲	132	...	...	2.6	14.0
286	235	Isotron	278	...	4.3	2.0	16.2
665	360	Jardine Math	599	-6	...	2.1	21.3
537	425	Johnson Math	475	+14	...	2.7	20.8
64	36½	Johnson & FB	39	...	3.0	9.6	12.0
177	104	Johnston	148	...	3.2	...	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	25	...	...	...	...
35	18	Jourdan (T)	30	...	0.7	3.2	...
178	73	Kalon	159	+1½	...	2.8	22.1
297	195	Kelsey Ind	250	...	8.0	4.0	...
660	465	Kershaw (A)	660	...	27.0	5.1	34.2
235	75	Kleemen	229	...	...	...	...
151	61	LCW ▲	143	...	3.4	3.0	11.9
351	266	Laird	323	-3	...	4.1	15.9
157½	103	Lilleshall	150	-1	...	3.6	19.7
223	97	Lincat	204	-1	...	3.7	14.4
33	4½	Lincoln Hse ▲	29½	...	...	...	24.3
128	76	Linread	106	...	3.8	4.5	16.4
280	170	Linton Park	260	...	...	6.7	9.4
15	9½	Lionheart	9½	-½	0.2	2.6	...
23	15	Locker (T) A	17	...	0.8	6.3	24.4
274	131	Lon Intl	139	+7	9.4	8.5	10.6
144	70	Lonrho	135½	-1½	...	3.7	...
388	269	Low & Bonar	340	...	...	3.4	47.6
41	14½	ML Hldgs	37	...	...	...	...
56	27	MS Intl	54	...	...	5.8	55.6
59	39	MY Holdings	47	...	...	3.4	∞
216	168	Macfarlane	201	...	...	2.1	22.8
467	379	McKechnie	431	+7	14.7	4.3	∞
113	85	McLeod Russel	113	+12	6.1	7.0	∞
10½	1½	Maddox	1½	...	...	...	9.6
106	63	Magnolia	100	...	0.1	0.1	16.1
119	71	Mang Bronze	109	+2	2.5	2.9	∞
39	19½	Marling	25	...	...	3.3	...
208	124	Mayborne ▲	207	...	...	3.1	15.9
62	29	Mayflower	55	...	...	1.0	45.9
236	85	Medeva	127	-1½	...	2.4	10.3
118	88	Meggitt	96	+1	...	5.0	16.3
125	98	Metalrax	110	...	...	4.2	18.0
154	126	Metrotect	152	...	...	2.7	21.1
98	70	Metsec ▲	98	...	...	...	...
90	29	Midstates	83	-1	...	1.1	11.5
27½	14	Mining & Ald	27½	+½	0.5	2.3	...
515	368	Molins	510	...	...	3.5	12.3
345	262	Morgan Cble	318	+7	...	5.0	16.7
184	134	Morris Ashby ▲	174	...	...	3.9	13.2
38	18	Neepsend	32	...	1.0	4.0	42.3
73	34	Nestor-BNA	62	...	3.1	6.4	14.8
192	122	Nobo Gp	190	...	4.8	3.2	18.8
181	122½	Norcros	171	+3½	...	5.2	24.5
51	35	Novo Group	38	...	...	4.3	12.2
413	310	Nu-Swift	353	...	...	...	∞
81	36	Office Elec Mac	58	-1	...	...	...
43½	21	OMI Intl	42½	-1	...	...	...
162	123	PCT ▲	161	...	...	5.6	18.3
90	36	Pacer Systems ▲	86	...	...	5.0	...
138	87½	Pentland	94	+1	...	3.5	12.8
395	230	Photo-Me	321	...	4.6	1.8	20.8
165	97½	Pilkington	159	+7	...	3.1	...
98	68	Plantsbrook	85	...	3.1	4.6	13.4
154	125	Polypipe	126	-3	2.1	2.1	17.0
42	15	Porter Chadbrn	16	...	...	3.1	7.3
14½	5½	Porth Gp ▲	11	...	...	...	...
376	285	Powerscreen	305	+3	...	2.8	15.8
20½	16½	Prospect Inds	19½	...	0.7	4.9	9.6
95	33½	RPS Group ▲	55	+2	2.3	5.2	12.2
85	73	Radiant Metal	85	...	...	...	...
186	77	Ramco Oil ▲	178	...	...	0.7	59.6
889	636	Rank Org	879	+20	31.0	4.4	24.0
33	15	Ransomes	16	...	...	...	...
690	532	Reckitt Colm	643	+2	...	3.2	14.8
77	50	Record	70	...	3.6	6.4	34.4
7½	2½	Reece	4½	...	...	...	...
269	131	Relyon	256	...	5.0	2.5	30.7
303	208	Renishaw	292	...	...	2.8	34.7
122	55	Renold	122	...	...	1.8	...
1686	1240	Reuters	1610	+13	22.1	1.7	26.6
83	24½	Rexmore	77	...	2.0	3.4	...
188	91	Ricardo Group	173	...	...	4.1	24.5
76	59	Richard (Leics)	73	...	3.7	6.4	...
98	63	Richardson West	77	...	3.0	5.0	19.7
142	109	Rupner	122	-1	8.2	8.5	17.3
136	97	-do- 'A'	118	-1	8.2	8.7	16.7
22	16	Ross Gp	16	...	0.6	5.1	6.5
184	131½	Rotork	166	...	...	2.8	19.4
167	80	Rubicon	165	...	...	3.3	23.2
66	43	Russell (A)	62	...	...	1.0	...
40	15	SEP Intl	30	+1	...	3.1	27.5
1087½	625	SKF 'B'	975	...	...	...	...
60½	39	Saville Grdn (J)	59	...	...	4.7	29.4
240	205	Scapa	230	+2	...	3.4	15.9
238	192	Schoti	196	...	...	4.0	14.3
6½	4	Scot Heritable	5 #	...	...	...	...
1123	917	Securicor	1110	-3	2.6	0.3	42.2
835	562	-do- 'A'	828	...	2.6	0.4	31.5
745	465	Security Serv	735	...	5.1	0.9	30.4
129½	77	Senior Eng	119½	...	...	3.4	19.9
361	278	Seton Health	316	-1	...	2.4	18.5
68	42	Sheldon Jones ▲	63	...	...	...	...
166	88	Shiloh	141	...	3.0	2.7	15.2
344	281	Sidlaw	311	-6	10.5	4.3	∞
574	422	Siebe	567	+7	...	2.3	21.3
383	220	Silentnight	332	...	...	3.0	18.0
149	102	Sime Darby	142	-1	...	3.8	∞
142	32	Simon Eng	80½	...	...	...	...
259	180	Sinclair (Wm)	183	...	...	4.8	14.2
47	35	Six Hundred	38	...	...	5.3	...
164	134	Smith & Neph	141	-2½	...	4.2	15.7
513	389	Smithkline	396 ↑	-1½	9.6	3.1	14.3
450	340	Smithkline Uts	365 ↑	-3	...	3.3	12.4
436	320	Smiths Ind	431	+2	...	3.4	17.5
140	58	Slim Bus	74	...	3.5	5.9	7.0
462	265	Spandex ▲	462	...	...	1.3	20.5
660	300	Spear (JW)	550	...	4.5	1.0	10.3
376	314	Spirax-Sarco	345	...	...	3.4	21.6
145	44	Spring Ram	50½	+1	...	0.6	18.1
270	201	Staveley	201 ↑	...	...	5.3	11.4
182	126	Sterling Ind	182	+7	...	4.1	27.6
187	97	Suter	164	...	9.0	6.9	17.2
487	344	Swire Pacific 'A'	480	+29	...	1.9	∞
7	2½	Sycamore	3	...	...	...	...
78	53	Sykes-Pick	53 ↑	...	...	7.3	10.1
153	120	Syltone	153	...	...	3.9	20.3
374	279	TI	354	-2	...	3.8	24.2
32	12	TLS Range ▲	26	...	...	1.2	...
337	211	TT Group	314	-1	...	2.6	19.3
237	201	Takare	215	-1	...	1.0	18.7
868	618	Takeda Chem	751	+7	...	0.8	14.2
68	24	Tex Hldgs	60	...	...	...	...
109	70	Tinsley (E) ▲	98	...	...	7.0	15.1
240	180	TI&N ▲	230	...	...	2.0	20.0
271	212½	Tomkins	225	+4	...	3.5	16.6
112	67	Trafalgar H	90½	-2½	...	4.5	6.6
116	69	Transfer Tech	79	...	3.2	5.1	10.0
190	142	Triplex Lloyd	143½	...	...	6.1	17.3
275	214	UniChem	263	-2	6.4	3.0	17.2
375	275½	Unidare	365	...	...	5.4	18.3
76	11½	Unigroup	34	+3	...	...	...
1249	938	Unilever	1102	+6	22.2	2.5	14.9
8112½	6362½	Unilever (NV)	7437½	-46½	...	2.8	12.3
915	513	VSEL	795 ↑	-5	...	4.8	8.6
12½	6½	Verson	12½	...	...	...	...
164	95½	Vickers	141	-2	...	2.0	...
367	243	Victaulic	260	...	...	3.8	12.8
454	283	Vinten	431	...	...	2.1	20.1
694	427	Vosper Thorny	620	...	...	3.3	14.9
48	41	WSP Hldgs	41	...	...	8.2	10.7
468	368	Wagon Ind	427	+2	...	5.2	18.5
98	71	Walker Greenbk	94	...	3.1	4.1	24.0
258	201	Wassall	248	...	2.7	1.4	25.0
45	22	Watford Wdgwd	44	...	...	...	...
384	252	Weir	273	+3	...	2.8	15.4
993	600	Wellcome	618 ↑	...	...	3.5	13.1
23½	18	Wellman	19½	-½	0.9	5.8	31.8
358	260	West Hthcare	328	...	...	1.4	∞
510	460	Whatman	482	...	9.7	2.5	16.3
353	224	Whessoe	228	...	...	4.4	8.9
74	27	Whitecroft	71	...	...	...	...
10½	4½	Widney	10	...	...	...	...
130	44	Wilkes (James)	120	...	3.5	...	35.1
365	295½	Williams Hldg	322	...	12.5	4.9	16.8
46½	17	Wilshaw	44 ↑	-½	...	1.6	27.7
733	533	Wolseley	729	+1	...	2.3	21.5
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	135	...	1.3	1.4	49.2
46	35	Wyko	36	...	...	3.5	...
59	38	Young (H)	47	...	3.0	8.0	17.2



INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1193½	Alex & Alex	1193½	-18½	...	5.6	...
2406½	1787½	Am Gen	1887½	+25	...	3.9	...
63	30	Archer (AJ)	59	...	2.7	5.7	28.7
183	133	Berry Bch Nbla	159	...	...	4.2	12.3
148	118	Bradstock	136	+1	5.2	4.8	16.8
498	359½	Britannic	447	...	...	3.2	...
667	556	Com Union	605	+6	...	5.0	...
1750	1225	Dom & Gen	1725	...	...	1.6	22.8
50	18	FAI	45	+1	...	...	...
741	546	Gen Accident	638	-2	26.7	5.2	...
230	160	GRE	194	-6	7.1	4.6	16.1
412	293	Heath C E	397	...	...	5.1	...
228	155	Hogg Gp	162 ↑	+4	8.1	6.3	14.7
215	162	JIB Group	174	...	...	5.4	17.8
543	409½	Legal & Gen	495	+5	...	4.9	30.1
1129	766	Liberty Life	1059	+24	...	10.0	20.6
468	403	Lloyds Abbey	423	-1	17.3	5.1	15.2
338	253	Lloyd Thomp	279	-2	6.7	3.0	17.3
388	274	Londn & Man	362	+1	14.7	5.1	26.7
443	321	Lowndes Lmb	417	...	14.0	4.2	14.8
6743½	5312½	Marsh McLn	5337½	+35	...	3.4	...
130	76	Oriel	127	...	...	5.0	...
72	50½	PWS	66	...	4.0	7.6	9.6
373	280½	Prudential	336	+5	...	4.6	22.3
1138	800	Refuge	978	...	32.2	4.1	27.1
347	248	Royal	292	-2	...	2.8	...
204	150	Sedgwick	192	+1	...	3.9	23.7
261	110	Steel Burrill	145	+1	...	10.3	8.6
89	48	Sturge Hldgs	66	...	6.5	12.3	6.7
400	307	Sun Alliance	363	...	14.2	4.9	...
84	50	Trade Indemnty	84	...	...	...	...
332	239	Transatlantic	312	...	12.0	4.8	28.9
773	499	Utd Friendly	603	...	15.1	3.1	26.3
242	171	Willis Corroon	236	+4	...	3.5	50.4
21	13½	Windsor	20	...	...	...	15.7

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1846	1548	Alliance	1781	+10	45.5	3.2	39.0
283½	226½	Amer Trust	270	...	5.2	2.4	58.0
426	304	Ang & O'seas	406½	-1½	6.8	2.1	51.6
156	124	BZW Conv	143½	...	7.8	6.8	∞
188½	133½	Bankers	184	...	3.6	2.5	50.6
328	264	Baring Tribne	325	-1	6.4	2.5	51.4
203	131	Berry Starq	202	...	2.2	1.4	65.7
110	96½	Br Assets	106	+1	...	5.1	25.0
83½	57½	Br Empire Sec	82½	...	0.9	1.4	∞
30	14	-do- Wnts	27	...	...	...	...
203	156	Br Inv	195	...	4.6	3.0	43.5
197	120	Cont Asset	186	+1	2.4	1.6	61.9
195	143	Derby Inc	149	...	...	12.0	9.0
290	195	-do- Cap	275	...	...	...	...
87	62	Drayton Blue	82	...	8.4	12.8	9.1
85	35	-do- Eng Ind	74 ↑	...	1.0	1.7	...
135	84	-do- Far East	124	+1	0.6	0.6	...
137	95	-do- Korea	135	...	0.5	0.5	...
688	576	Dunedin Inc G	656	+1	...	4.9	30.2
100	81	-do- Japan	81	...	...	...	...
55	37½	-do- Warrants	39	...	...	...	...
729	513	-do- Wwde	706	+1	9.5	1.7	∞
292	222	Dundee & Lon	282	-1	...	4.0	26.0
308	250½	Edinburgh	297	+2	8.5	3.6	32.5
291	183	Electra Inv	278	+1	6.8	3.1	37.9
191	141	Electric Gen	181½	-½	3.1	2.1	56.5
114	85	English Scot	111	...	...	...	...
314	205	European Asset	310	...	...	2.3	40.3
133	77	Finsbury 'A'	124 ↑	...	3.0	3.0	39.9
307	248	Fleming Amer	302	-½	0.8	0.4	...
219	190½	-do- Claver	214	+1	...	3.1	42.2
340	212	-do- Cont	317	...	2.7	1.1	...
202	147	-do- Entp	197	...	...	3.0	39.8
362	213	-do- F East	348	+1	1.1	0.4	...
331	246	-do- Fledg	328	+1	3.0	1.1	...
118	93	-do- Hi Inc	99	...	...	5.6	16.7
260	136	-do- Japan	212	...	...	0.3	...
291	250	-do- Merc	286	+½	6.7	2.9	61.0
307	212	-do- O'seas	292	+1	4.2	1.8	61.1
273	203	Foreign & Col	264	+1	...	1.6	71.9
121	56½	-do- Emg Mkts	110	...	0.2	0.3	∞
67	44	-do- Enterprise	66	...	0.4	0.8	...
233	164	-do- Eurotst	218	-1	1.2	0.7	∞
131	87	-do- German	119	+1	0.5	0.5	...
319	191	-do- Pacific	287½	-½	...	0.0	...
168½	116	-do- Smaller	165	...	1.8	1.4	...
272	145	GT Japan	250	+1	...	0.7	...
168	65	Genl Cons Cap	161	...	...	...	...
123½	96½	-do- Inc	108 ↑	...	...	9.8	11.2
165	115	Govett Am Smlr	159	...	...	...	...
116	94	-do- Emg Mkts	109	...	...	...	...
343	184	-do- Oriental	333	+1	0.9	0.4	...
286	207	-do- Strategy	260 ↑	...	...	3.2	36.3
408	340	Greenfriar	406	...	...	2.0	61.0
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
143	134	Inv Cap	140 ↑	+2	...	4.6	26.9
97	77	IBS UK Smllr	94	...	2.8	3.8	25.9
210	150½	Kleinwort Chrt	203	+½	5.0	3.1	39.5
280	176	-do- O'seas	239	...	3.3	1.7	67.9
142	108	-do- Smllr	136	...	...	3.2	33.0
690	540	Law Debenture	672	...	18.5	3.4	33.6
202	164	Majedie	193	...	...	3.3	35.5
282½	221	Merchants	274	...	...	5.0	25.5
6687½	3700	Merrill Lynch	6012½	+100	...	...	...
521	383	Monks Inv Tst	506	+1½	...	1.7	64.1
141	105	Morg Gren Inc	131 ↑	+2	4.5	4.3	∞
54	23	Do Warrants	47	...	...	...	...
60	39	Murray Euro	54	...	0.1	0.4	...
23½	4½	Do Wnt	18½	-½	...	...	...
362	282	Murray Income	352	+1	10.9	3.8	33.6
361	265	-do- Intl	357	+2	11.6	4.1	32.2
424	263	-do- Small	424 ↑	+4	...	1.2	...
103	88	-do- S/C Inc	88	-1	...	15.1	∞
135	73	-do- S/C Cap	118	+1	...	...	...
3150	2750	-do- S/C Uts	3150	...	...	4.2	∞
157	142½	-do- S/C DP	157	...	...	...	...
315	230	-do- Vent	299	...	...	4.6	24.2
93	68	Nthrog Inc	90	-1	6.7	9.5	16.6
346	249	O'seas Inv Tst	334 ↑	...	...	1.2	...
484	285	Pacific Assets	466	...	1.1	0.3	...
389	187	Do Warrants	366	...	...	...	...
8300	7650	Personal Assets	8225	...	19.0	2.9	48.0
170	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	161	-1	1.1	0.9	...
122	108	River & Merc	123	+2	9.2	9.5	12.0
465	350	Robeco	418	...	...	3.0	...
435	346	Rolinco	419	...	...	1.9	...
284	214	St Andrew Inv	284	...	7.5	3.3	38.2
160½	131	Scot American	153 ↑	+1½	...	3.8	32.4
284	136	Scot Asian	271	+2	...	...	...
785	225	do Warrants	735	...	...	...	...
83	63½	-do- Eastern	79	+½	1.5	2.4	51.9
231	183	Scottish	220½	+1	4.6	2.6	45.7
235½	178	-do- Mtge	220	+1½	4.0	2.3	37.1
101	71	-do- Value	100	+½	1.8	2.3	∞
1648	1390	Second Allnce	1575	+1	...	3.1	39.6
93½	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	90½	+½	3.2	4.5	29.9
163	109½	Selective Asset	157	...	1.2	1.0	56.5
38	14	Sphere Inv	34	+½	3.1	11.4	11.0
169	112	TR Far East	164 ↑	+1	...	3.8	31.2
154	126	TR City Of Lon	151	+½	...	4.0	32.9
184	110	TR Pacific	182	+1	0.3	0.2	...
39½	17	TR Property	35½	...	0.9	3.2	37.1
120	47	TR Tech Inv	104	...	1.7	2.1	38.6
199	146	TR Smlr Cos	185	-½	...	2.6	43.0
360	283	Temple Bar	346	+1	13.2	4.8	26.1
111	69	Thrgtn Asian E	109	-½	0.5	0.6	...
70	54	Throgmorton	73	...	2.3	3.9	29.8
550	365	Throg Dual Cp	493	...	...	...	...
342	178	USDC Invest	233	...	4.5	2.4	42.9
114	76½	Value Inc Tst	113 ↑	...	4.0	4.4	28.4
830	542	Whitbread Inv	820	+17	16.5	2.5	49.4
225	181	Witan	216	+2	5.6	3.2	37.8

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
455	289	Airtours	438	...	7.7	2.2	15.5
64	42	Ald Leis	50	...	3.0	7.5	∞
447	194	Anglia TV	447	+11	...	2.6	20.7
103	63	Baldwin	86	...	4.6	6.7	11.7
252	192	Barr & W 'A'	240	...	10.0	5.2	15.5
1245	930	Boosey Hwks	1145	...	22.0	2.4	17.2
153	90	Border TV ▲	150	+7	...	2.8	13.5
16½	4	Brent Walker	4	-½	...	...	...
103	48	Brisol Scotts	103	...	...	...	...
9	2½	Buckingham Int	5½	...	...	...	...
292	72	Campari	74	...	8.7	14.8	...
231	171	Capital Radio	227	...	5.7	3.2	∞
818	718	Carlton Comm	767	-3	17.7	2.9	22.6
228	158	Castle Comms ▲	225 ↑	-1	...	4.7	14.9
2383	1615	Central TV	2168	-2	39.0	2.2	23.6
124	61	Chrysalis	103	...	...	...	...
590	470	Compass Gp	570	-1	...	2.9	17.1
350	175	Eurocamp	218	-3	9.7	5.6	9.0
1180	268	Euro Disney	330	+12	...	3.5	...
8	2	Euro Leisure	2½	-¼	...	...	...
38½	18	Ex-Lands	31½	...	...	1.4	...
390	245	Fairline Boats	288	...	10.5	4.6	...
378	232	First Leisure	259	+10	6.2	3.0	17.9
590	298	GWR Gp ▲	588	...	...	1.7	30.2
246	149	Grampian	228	...	6.5	3.6	15.7
22	4½	Greenwich Com ▲	16	...	...	...	...
96	19	HTV Group	95	+3	...	...	42.2
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	59	...	...	4.8	...
12½	5½	Kunick	8½	...	...	...	...
526	405	LWT Hldgs	526	+19	...	1.2	24.3
600	327	Man Utd	548	...	...	4.4	22.1
148	59	Owners Abrd	79	...	3.9	6.2	6.3
77	33	The Pelican Gp	72	...	...	1.9	16.9
170	35	Prism Leisure ▲	170	...	...	2.4	15.8
42	16	Quadrant Grp	39	...	...	...	...
327	274	Radio Clyde ▲	309	...	...	3.4	24.2
208	132	Ramsdens (H)	197	...	...	2.9	36.1
553	410	Scot TV	450	+1	10.3	2.9	22.1
65	37	Southern Radio	50	...	0.7	2.0	20.8
260	168	Stanley Leisure	249	...	4.3	2.2	19.6
10	5½	Sunleigh ▲	8	...	...	...	...
145	115	Sunset & Vine	129	...	3.5	3.4	19.7
420	345½	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.5	18.9
2½	1	Tickering ▲	2½	-¼	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenhm Hot	105	...	...	2.4	5.4
78	44	Trans World ▲	64	...	...	1.6	23.3
499	274	Ulster TV	482	+11	12.0	3.0	15.1
109	62	Vardon	102	-1	0.8	1.0	24.1
22	11	Wembley	16½	...	...	...	...
48	7½	Whitegate	36	+1	...	...	...
234	110	Yorkshire TV	178	-16	12.0	8.4	5.4
120	83	Zetters Gp	116	...	8.0	8.6	13.1

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5900	1800	Am Gold	5550	+75	...	3.8	28.7
1625	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1531½	...	...	5.9	8.1
2550	1125	Ang Am	2375	-71½	...	2.9	20.7
33	8½	Anglo Pac Res ▲	27	...	...	...	...
197	33	Blyvoors	177	...	...	...	...
46	18	Bracken	39	-1	...	...	∞
871	233	Buffels	781	-1	...	8.1	7.1
2½	1	Burle	2	+¼	...	...	...
748	546	CRA	740	+11	...	2.7	25.4
43½	11	Cluff Res	32½	-2	...	...	...
1409½	782½	De Beers	1275	+6½	...	3.8	17.5
165	37½	Deelkraal	128	-10	...	1.5	14.7
98	7	Doornfontein	64	...	...	...	...
913	388	Driefontein	781	-1	...	3.7	15.4
788	120	Durban	680	-43	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	153	+4	...	7.0	4.8
175	35	E Rand Prop	84 ↑	...	...	...	...
65	16	Eastern Trans	50	...	...	5.0	10.7
604	117	Elandsrand	436	-13	...	2.9	10.2
1042	292	FS Cons	979	+4	...	4.9	12.8
80	8	FS Dev	58	-2	...	...	...
1675	725	GFSA	1488	+38	...	2.7	25.8
110	62½	Gencor	102	...	...	8.6	∞
64½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	49½	...	...	2.7	20.2
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	15½	...	...	...	...
187	49	Grootvlei	145	...	...	6.9	9.1
360	78	Harmony	316	-10	...	...	...
425	87	Harties	376	+3	...	7.3	14.9
16½	8½	Inoco ▲	14½	-½	...	...	...
1010	491	Impala Plat	829	...	...	3.3	28.6
13½	6	Kenmare Res ▲	9½	...	...	...	...
1092	332	Kinross	1075	+8	...	5.3	∞
913	319	Kloof	664	+13	...	3.2	9.3
137	25	Leslie	120	-3	...	8.7	∞
314	13	Loraine	302	-4	...	...	...
950	620	Lydenburg	950	...	...	2.1	∞
116½	80	MIM	101½	+3	...	2.2	49.4
1322	820	Minorco	1287	+5	...	3.0	15.2
152½	91	Nth Brkn Hill	147	+3	...	3.3	24.2
2712½	612½	Orange Free	2600	+25	...	4.9	21.1
746	607	RTZ	702	+9	...	4.9	19.5
657½	425	Rand Mines	587½	...	...	7.4	∞
671	150	Randfontein	580	+9	...	4.9	8.7
192	115	Renison	175	...	...	2.5	18.1
1200	850	Rustnbrg	1025	-9½	...	3.2	∞
725	191	St Helena	622	-12	...	3.8	13.3
2168	475	Southvaal	1924	+16	...	2.9	35.1
119	18	Stilfontein	79	...	...	7.9	14.4
201	58	Unisel	150	...	...	4.4	∞
6300	1800	Vaal Reefs	5900	+50	...	3.7	10.7
703	154	Welkom	664	+4	...	3.9	20.9
640	26	Western Areas	588	+13	...	0.8	18.8
3000	587½	Western Deep	2825	-37½	...	2.2	13.8
283	176	Witrn Mining	259	+11	...	1.9	...
1035	323	Winkels	1008	...	...	3.7	∞
84	49	Zambia Copper	53	...	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	61	...	...	7.2	20.3

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	233	Abbey Panels	248	...	...	...	...
135	95	Airflow Stream	115	...	3.0	3.3	11.1
153	78	Appleyard	120	-6	...	5.4	...
335	203	Bletchley Mtr	305	...	...	3.8	15.5
192	120	Bostrom	184	...	6.0	4.1	32.5
468	165	Br Aerospace	414	+2	7.3	2.2	...
56	19½	Burndene	51½	+½	...	2.8	13.7
388	303	Caffyns	348	-5	11.5	4.1	70.4
15	4½	Coverdale	13½	+½	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtr ▲	129	...	...	3.9	32.8
32	18	Cook (DC) ▲	28	...	...	2.7	15.9
267	156	Cowie (T)	234	...	6.6	3.5	17.8
141	86	Dag Motors	137	...	5.7	5.2	24.8
155	102½	Davnprt Vern	146	...	...	3.5	18.5
330	155	ERF	323	-1	2.0	0.8	...
145	92	European Mtr	136	+4	...	3.5	18.9
406	208	Evans Halshaw	403	...	11.4	3.6	62.1
290	211	FR Group	213	+1	...	4.2	9.9
4306½	2843½	Ford Motor	4100	+106½	...	...	...
3706½	2143½	General Mtr	3606½	+81½	...	1.5	...
75	38	Gowrings	56	...	2.0	4.5	...
247	85	Henlys	245	+1	3.5	1.8	...
1056	769	Honda Motor	830	+10	...	1.1	...
35	15	Jacks (Wm)	35	...	...	...	...
108	66	Jessups	96	...	4.5	6.0	...
176	97	Kwik-Fit	159	...	...	2.8	22.5
420	281	Lex Service	415	...	...	3.4	22.7
164	85	Lookers	149	...	6.2	5.2	...
181	126	Lucas	175	+3	...	5.0	...
27½	21	Malaya Grp	25½	...	...	...	...
284	224½	Pendragon	250	...	...	3.2	20.5
190	101½	Perry Gp	160	...	...	5.6	...
190	108	Quicks Group	164	...	...	3.6	21.0
170	96½	Rolls-Royce	164½	+½	...	3.7	...
223	164	T & N	189	-1	...	7.2	26.9
256	163	Trinity Hldgs	238	...	...	2.9	22.1
175	125	Vardy (Reg)	166	...	...	3.2	23.2
253	121	Westland	225	+1	4.2	2.4	19.9

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
193	103	Adscene	190	...	5.0	3.3	19.4
360	315	Black (A&C)	340	...	13.5	5.0	12.9
608	290	Blenheim Gp	305	+5	...	3.0	11.4
370	275	Bristol	355	...	...	4.1	32.0
£102	7775	Daily Mail	9600	...	13.4	1.7	21.6
£101½	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9575	+50	13.4	1.7	21.6
355	251	Dorling Kind	335	-1	...	1.2	30.3
5037½	4337½	Elsevier	5312½	+125	...	1.8	18.0
373	322	EMAP	359	+2	...	2.8	22.0
1413	873	Euromoney Pb	1413	+13	38.0	3.4	∞
264	170	Harrington K	183	-4	4.7	3.2	15.0
468	233	Haynes Pub	458	...	...	2.2	17.2
361	335	Hodder H'line	335	...	5.1	1.9	28.5
140	99	Home Counts	110	...	5.2	6.0	...
151	30	Intl Bus Comm	145	...	...	...	21.0
14	6½	Int Cm & Data ▲	11	...	...	...	...
435	240	Independent	420	...	...	3.0	22.7
580	395	Johnston Press	519	+3	6.5	1.6	22.5
327	243	Metal Bulletin	327	...	8.2	3.1	23.1
186	88	Mirror Gp	151	-1	...	...	...
515	297	News Corp	447	+14	...	0.3	...
301	169	News Intl	265	-1	...	0.6	16.3
586	354	Pearson	590	+5	...	2.6	31.5
675	510	Portsmth Sund	610	...	...	1.9	16.8
784	648	Reed Int	735	+13	...	3.0	32.0
170	98	Southnews	170	+5	...	1.7	31.3
171	40	Sterling Pub ▲	160	...	...	2.3	17.6
423	328	Telegraph	374	+4	...	4.0	15.7
835	715	Thomson Corp	805 ↑	-30	...	1.9	40.2
395	313	Trinity Intl	376	+6	9.0	3.0	22.5
39	27	Unit Group ▲	27	...	...	...	...
593½	480½	Utd Nwspaprs	535	+1	...	5.1	14.6

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37	17	Arko Energy	36	-1	...	...	25.3
61	34	Arcon Intl ▲	35	...	...	...	...
71	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	56	...	...	...	...
83	36	Aviva Pet	67	-3	...	...	...
16	5½	Beverley	5½	...	...	...	54.7
223	145	Br Borneo	215	-1	7.1	4.1	6.5
348	276	British Gas	323	-1	14.2	5.5	15.6
362½	225	Br Petroleum	342 ↑	-1	8.4	3.1	26.0
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
821	675	Burmah Castl	740	+13	...	5.6	17.3
68	32	Cairn Energy	61	-1	...	...	8.7
306	223	Calor Gp	304 ↑	+6	...	4.9	16.6
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	44½	-1½	...	...	...
44	27	Coplex Res	40	+2	...	...	...
23½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas ▲	17	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	430	+15½	19.0	5.4	24.2
88	32	Exp Co Louis	34	...	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	22½	...	...	4.7	8.2
10½	4	Fortune	4½	...	...	...	...
67	45	Goal Pet	61	-1	1.4	2.9	11.7
48	18	Gt Western Res	40	...	...	...	...
181	104½	Hardy O & G	139	-9	...	0.8	14.8
46	18½	Kelt Energy	40	-1	...	...	...
195	127½	LASMO	128	-6	...	3.2	25.9
103	63	-do- Units	72	-2	4.4	16.4	...
24	4	Mid Scot Res ▲	4½	...	...	...	...
56½	34	Monument	55½	-1	...	...	...
9½	4	New London	4½	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	29	...	1.0	4.3	10.0
38	27	Oil Search	36	...	...	...	...
19½	11½	Petroz	17	+½	...	...	...
162	99	Pict Pet	161	-1	...	...	...
29½	18	Premier	29½	-½	...	...	9.5
168	50	Presidio	158	...	...	4.2	...
410	290	Ranger	358	-7	...	4.5	...
7312½	5150	Royal Dtch Fl	6950	...	...	4.4	17.3
4500	3600	Schlumberger	4087½	-46½	...	2.0	...
67	47	Seafield	60	...	...	...	...
727	515	Shell	684	-3	22.8	4.2	21.0
205	173	Sunrise Eng Sv	185	...	...	...	...
41	15	Triton Europe	16	...	...	...	...
15½	6	Villiers Grp	14	...	...	...	...
208	135	Woodside	196	...	...	1.8	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
145	120	AG Holdings	144	...	...	4.6	13.0
353	249	API	351	...	8.2	2.9	30.6
235	144	Arjo Wiggins	235	+3	...	3.5	38.0
543	408	Abbott Mead	535	...	9.5	2.2	28.1
40	13	Aegis Gp	18	-½	...	...	...
212	118	Aspen Comms ▲	129	...	...	4.7	11.7
20	7	BBB Design ▲	18	...	...	...	...
409	234½	Bemrose	369	-2	...	4.0	16.1
30½	7½	Birkdale	8½	...	...	...	...
155	118	Bunzl	153	+3	4.0	3.8	20.1
352	257	CIA Gp	349	-1	...	1.6	22.1
230	93	Capital Inds	148	-18	...	3.0	14.1
92	44	City of Lon ▲	89	...	...	5.5	16.2
299	169	Cropper (Jmes)	299	...	3.2	1.4	28.8
6	6	Crown Comm ▲	6 #	...	...	...	...
95	51	Delyn Group	87	-1	1.6	2.4	11.7
120	94	Dolphin Pack	105	-4	4.5	5.4	25.9
87	42	Dudley Jenkns ▲	78	...	...	5.0	17.7
15½	10½	Elswick	14	...	...	2.7	15.7
74	41	Fairway Group ▲	72	-2	3.2	5.6	22.2
346	271	Ferguson Intl	340	...	...	4.6	15.4
110	92	Perry Pick	110	...	...	6.4	20.7
162	74	Filofax ▲	158	+1	...	1.2	20.3
20	10½	Finch	11	...	...	...	...
130	69	Gibbon Lyons ▲	129	...	...	4.8	14.6
295	206	Gold Greenless	207	...	8.3	5.0	14.8
41	17	Goodhead	23 ↑	...	0.0	0.3	∞
88	35	Humerprint	37	...	...	...	...
185	136	Interurope	162	...	...	6.0	11.9
278	191	Jarvis Porter	275	-1	...	2.2	25.5
32	15½	Lopex	25	...	...	...	...
38½	26	MMI	37½	...	...	...	...
346	175	More O'Ferrall	332	...	13.2	5.0	39.7
133	68	NMC Group	114	...	2.7	3.0	17.4
230	66	Osborne & Little	225	-5	...	2.9	24.4
525	455	Portals	495 ↑	+1	...	3.7	17.1
3½	½	Premier Hlth	2½	+¼	...	...	...
286	159	Quarto	282	...	...	2.6	17.4
347	270	St Ives Gp	293	+13	...	2.3	19.3
186	142½	Saatchi	178	...	...	...	...
474	292	Sappi	353	-7	...	9.3	6.7
32	11½	Serif ▲	14½	...	...	...	...
32½	14	Shandwick	26	...	...	...	...
397	294	Smith David	333	-1	...	3.8	17.5
295	206	Smurfit (Jeff)	255 ↑	+1	...	1.6	6.1
88	45	Somic	85	...	2.5	3.7	34.4
246	183	Stat-Plus	207	...	8.4	5.1	18.5
28½	16½	Taylor Nelson	28	...	0.3	1.5	23.4
104	38	VTR ▲	101	...	...	4.8	14.8
106	40	WPP	90	...	...	1.4	3.4
179	62	Wace	170	+1	...	0.7	...
266	208	Waddington (J)	236	...	...	4.4	17.4
410	270	Watmough	390	...	...	1.9	30.6
7	4	Westport ▲	4½	...	...	...	...
34	12	Whitney Mcke ▲	19	...	...	...	...
90	55	Wood (SW)	90	...	...	2.1	19.1

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
116	41	Allied Lon	109	...	...	4.0	28.2
47	35	Arcadian	35 ↑	...	...	...	...
16½	4½	Ascot Hldgs	5½	...	...	...	...
135	52	Asda	126	...	...	2.1	13.3
152	88	Avonside	128	...	4.1	4.0	17.9
2637½	2062½	BCE ▲	2312½	-12½	...	...	...
670	396	Bilton	644	...	18.9	3.7	23.3
110	23	Bourne End	97 #	...	1.0	1.3	...
238	150	Bradford	228 ↑	...	5.9	3.2	23.1
23	5	Brodero	14	...	...	...	...
427	166½	Br Land	422	+2	...	2.1	38.4
248	140½	Brixton	236	+1	...	4.5	18.7
89	42	Burford	85	-1	...	1.9	...
187	99	Cap & Regnl ▲	182	-2	...	0.9	...
230	120	Cardiff Prop	230	...	2.4	1.3	...
593	196	Chesterfield	585	...	11.5	2.5	41.6
43	12	City Site Ests	28	...	...	...	...
29	12	Clarke Nickolls	29	...	...	...	...
548	300	Compco	300	...	12.9	5.6	65.2
53	34	Conrad Rbist GS	45	...	...	...	...
1395	818	Daejan	1390	...	...	2.4	17.2
3½	1½	Dares Estates	2	...	...	...	...
129	53	Debenhm Twsn	118	+3	...	3.2	23.0
12	4	De Morgan	7	...	...	...	...
180	76	Dencora	178	...	3.0	2.1	...
635	263	Derwent Hldgs	613	+3	8.7	1.8	76.4
45	10	Development Sec	33½	+2	...	...	...
58	25	Dwyer	57	...	...	...	...
381	170	Estates Agency	372	...	...	2.6	44.1
27	7½	Estates Gen	18½	-1	...	...	...
215	132	Evans Of Leeds	209	...	...	2.7	18.5
35½	11	Five Oaks	32	...	...	...	...
65	30	Fletcher King	64	...	1.0	2.0	42.4
480	276½	Frogmore	471	...	...	4.2	22.7
201	97	Grainger	201	+1	5.2	3.3	44.9
233	116½	Gr Portland	214 ↑	-4	...	4.7	20.5
33	7½	Greycoat	30	-1½	...	...	...
192	101	HK Land	171	-2	...	3.7	22.5
84	35	Hambro Cntyw	60½	-1½	0.5	1.0	...
427	257½	Hammerson	408	-1	10.0	3.1	41.3
663	245	-do- 'A'	376	-1	10.0	3.3	38.0
292	127	Helical Bar	288	...	...	2.1	10.3
39	19	Hemingway	33	...	...	...	...
132	56	Herring Baker	60	...	3.7	7.8	15.1
153	133	Jermyn	138	+5	...	...	...
740	435	Land Sec	728	+3	23.1	4.0	21.5
113	73	Lon Merch Sec	109	...	4.0	4.6	16.9
22½	8½	Lon & Metro	11	...	...	...	...
537	315½	MEPC	525	+3	...	4.8	22.6
9	5	McInerney A	6½	-1	...	...	...
150	90	McKay Secs	150	...	3.5	2.9	20.6
7½	3	Markheath	3½	...	...	...	...
74	12	Merivale Mre	71	...	...	...	...
5	3	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
48	29	Moorfield Est	46	...	...	...	...
1300	775	Mountview	1300	...	20.0	2.1	11.9
171	112	Mucklow (A&J)	171	...	...	4.5	26.6
46	30	Olives Prop	37	...	...	...	...
10½	2½	Ossory Est	2½	...	...	...	0.7
172	88	PSIT	163	...	4.0	3.2	32.3
359	138	Peel	334	...	4.1	1.5	...
16	4½	Power Corp	5	...	...	...	...
48	22	Property Trust	38	...	...	...	10.8
63	33½	Raglan	35 ↑	-1	...	...	...
29	11	Regalian	23½	...	...	...	...
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	130	...	1.5	1.5	34.5
50	16	St Modwen Prp	46	...	0.9	2.4	35.0
76	39	Savills	76	...	...	1.6	30.1
112	33½	Scot Met	91 ↑	...	...	2.1	∞
117	39	Shaftesbury	116	...	...	...	...
15½	5	Shield	11	...	...	...	...
272	139½	Slough Estates	256	+1	...	4.0	17.9
87	59	Southend Prop	80	...	...	3.8	...
39	16	Stanhope Prps ▲	27	-1	...	...	...
226	114	Tops Ests	225	...	2.1	1.2	...
137	79	Town Centre	134 ↑	...	...	3.2	26.0
93	43	Trafford Park	93	...	...	3.8	21.4
56	17	UK Land	31	...	...	...	...
12	4	Union Square	8	...	...	...	...
279	180	Warner	278	...	10.4	4.7	25.4
219	168	Warnford	210	...	7.5	4.5	15.2
8	2	Waterglade	2½	...	...	...	...
95	34	Wates	87	-1½	...	...	...
76	40	Wood John D ▲	65	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
28	11	Automagic ▲	26	...	...	...	...
183	84	Headlam	175	...	...	2.1	39.5
500	285	Lambert	315	...	13.2	5.3	7.7
100	44	Pittards	50	...	1.5	3.8	14.3
30	20	Strong & Fisher	22	...	1.0	5.7	6.1
218	89	Stylo	217	...	...	1.7	...
66	53	UK Safety	59	...	...	5.5	1.9

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
521	408	Allied Text	488	...	12.7	3.3	15.7
69	54	Beckman (A)	56	...	3.5	8.0	∞
41	21	Bolton Gp	21	...	...	...	...
171	141	Br Mohair	171	...	8.5	6.2	16.0
53	15	Chartwell ▲	40	...	...	...	...
364	298	Claremont Ga	323	-1	7.5	2.9	20.2
601	522	Courtauld Text	554	-1	13.9	3.1	15.2
53½	24½	Cupid ▲	28	...	...	...	...
248½	182	Dawson	183	-1	...	6.1	13.9
47	22	Drummond	40	...	...	...	...
84	65	Faupel ▲	82	...	...	7.5	12.7
34	15	Foster (John)	19	...	...	...	...
133	82	Gaskell	115	-3	4.2	4.6	...
223	156	Hicking Pntcst	216	-1	...	2.3	16.8
90	45	Jerome (S)	68	...	...	0.4	...
422	249	Lamont	389	-4	12.0	3.9	25.7
515	353½	Leeds	494	...	...	2.0	23.9
64	15	Lister	58	-1	0.1	0.2	...
122	73	Lyles (S)	88	+1	...	4.7	...
215	89	Magellan	213	...	1.4	0.8	...
214	77½	Parkland	203 ↑	...	...	1.0	...
102½	82	Readicut	97½	-½	...	4.5	17.9
66	35	SEET	53	-1	...	...	...
147	72	Sirdar	132	...	...	5.1	9.1
72	44	Stirling Gp	71	...	1.8	3.3	17.4
51	37	Stoddard	45	...	...	4.2	41.8
312	250	Tomkinsons	283	...	11.5	5.2	∞
67½	32½	West Trust	37	...	2.5	8.4	∞
232	126	Yorklyde	230	...	...	2.9	15.1

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
521½	407	BAT	496	-11	..	4.8	14.9

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
517	349	Assoc Br Ports	490	+1	...	2.2	...
941	707	BAA	924	...	...	2.2	22.9
417	249	Br Airways	416	+2	...	3.2	18.5
110	56	Clarkson (H)	103	...	1.7	2.1	...
23	23	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	457	+15	...	...	...
82	44	Fisher (James)	78	..	0.5	0.8	20.9
211	147	IoM Steam	208	...	...	3.0	10.9
38	24	Jacobs (JI)	33	..	0.5	1.9	...
107	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	103	...	...	1.3	18.9
445	264	Mersey Docks	417	+2	...	2.7	28.4
271	181	Natl Express	257	...	...	3.5	26.6
284	230	NFC	243	+4	6.5	3.4	18.5
343	244	Ocean Group	333	-2	...	3.4	...
73	40	Ocean Wilson	71	...	4.0	7.0	12.9
676	504	P & O Dfd	576	+6	...	6.6	31.3
194	127	P & O 5 1/2%	188	+1	...	3.7	...
621	448	Powell Duffryn	614	+15	...	4.7	23.5
225	117	Sanscrow ▲	210	...	...	3.2	13.2
163	112	Stagecoach	141	...	...	3.4	∞
81½	31½	TNT	74½	+1½	...	...	...
773	624	Tibbet & Britn	728	...	12.6	2.2	27.9
382	37	Tiphook	61	-10	...	...	...
298	227	TDG	270	...	...	4.4	8.9

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
565	455	Anglian Water	544	+6	...	5.0	10.7
347	244	Mid Kent Hdgs	347	...	...	3.8	12.8
702	547	Northumbrian	672 ↑	+2	...	4.3	6.9
587	431½	North West	552	+2	...	5.0	9.5
578	439	Severn Trent	552	...	...	4.8	8.8
617	454	Sthrn Water	588	+5	...	4.5	9.8
1605	1225	Sth Staffs	1530	...	48.5	4.0	10.8
622	465	South West	569	+3	...	5.4	9.2
584	454	Thames Water	527 ↑	+4½	...	5.1	10.3
661	506	Welsh Water	648	+6	...	4.5	6.5
693	536	Wessex Water	648	+11	...	4.1	9.8
593	473½	Yorkshire W	559	+1	...	4.8	6.5

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; ↑ Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ⁑ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
102	100	Treas 8½% 1994	100	.	8.45	5.17
109	102	Treas 14½% 1994	102	.	14.15	5.18
109	103	Exch 13½% 1994	103	.	13.06	5.13
109	102	Treas 10% 1994	102 ↑	.	9.75	5.12
110	105	Exch 12½% 1994	105	.	11.89	5.12
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	103	.	8.69	5.11
111	107	Treas 12% 1995	107	.	11.17	5.19
97	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	97	...	3.08	4.83
109	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	107	...	9.52	5.29
116	113	Treas 12¾% 1995	113	..	11.22	5.35
120	116	Treas 14% 1996	117	...	11.96	5.46
125	121	Treas 15¼% 1996	121	..	12.52	5.53
120	115	Exch 13¼% 1996	117		11.27	5.56
112	108	Conv 10% 1996	111	.	8.96	5.69
122	118	Treas 13¼% 1997	120	..	10.95	5.84
114	110	Exch 10½% 1997	113		9.25	5.84
109	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	109	.	7.99	5.90
132	127	Exch 15% 1997	130	-	11.48	6.08
113	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	113	-	8.63	6.13
104	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	104	-	6.93	6.03
104	101	Treas 7¼% B 1998	104	-	6.94	6.06
101	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101	...	6.63	5.35
129	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	129	-	10.82	6.37

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
138	133	Treas 15½% 1998	138	-	11.22	6.24
124	118	Exch 12% 1998	123	-	9.71	6.39
114	108	Treas 9½% 1999	113	-	8.36	6.32
126	122	Exch 12¼% 1999	125	...	9.74	6.47
119	112	Treas 10½% 1999	118	-	8.84	6.30
119	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	118	-	8.64	6.45
113	106	Conv 9% 2000	113	-	7.96	6.43
135	125	Treas 13% 2000	133	-	9.70	6.69
119	109	Treas 10% 2001	118	-	8.43	6.69
119	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	119	+	8.18	6.80
109	97	Treas 8% 2003	109 ↑	+	7.33	6.70
122	109	Treas 10% 2003	122	+	8.17	6.83
126	116	Treas 11½% 2001-04	125	-	9.14	6.92
91	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	80	+	4.32	5.94
122	105	Conv 9½% 2004	119	+	7.92	6.87
120	105	Conv 9½% 2005	120	+	7.91	6.91
138	120	Treas 12½% 2003-05	138	+	9.04	7.08
107	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	107	+	7.43	6.86
131	115	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	131	+	8.98	7.07
113	97	Treas 8½% 2007	113	+	7.52	6.99
146	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	145	+	9.23	7.11

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
118	101	Treas 9% 2008	118	+	7.62	7.01
109	92	Treas 8% 2009	109	+	7.34	7.04
119	100	Conv 9% 2011	119	+	7.55	7.06
120	100	Treas 9% 2012	119	+	7.50	7.05
88	70	Treas 5½% 2008-12	87	...	6.28	6.65
108	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	107	+	7.21	6.98
110	93	Treas 8% 2013	110	+	7.27	7.04
150	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	150 ↑	+	8.00	7.23
119	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	119	+	7.32	7.03

UNDATED

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
49	38	War Ln 3½%	49 ↑	-	7.08	..
34	27	Treas 2½%	34	+	7.22	...

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
136	131	Treas IL 2% 1994	136	...	.	..
203	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	203	...	1.07	2.02
112	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	112	+	1.46	2.13
173	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	172	+	2.43	2.81
169	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	168	+	2.63	2.94
115	105	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	114	+	2.71	3.01
180	159	Treas IL 2% 2006	178	+	2.70	2.94
164	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	162	+	2.88	3.08
170	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	169	+	2.93	3.12
141	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	140	+	2.97	3.14
151	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	150	+	3.01	3.18
147	126	Treas IL 2½% 2020	145	+	3.09	3.21
123	102	Treas IL 2½% 2024	121	+	3.07	3.20
123	103	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	121	+	3.00	3.22

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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 51 Belmont Rd, Uxbridge, Middx UB8 1RZ 0895 259 783				
Grofund Amer	164.70	173.40*	+ 0.80	...
Grofund Equity	229.50	242.40	+ 0.70	1.69
Grofund Euro	184.30	194.00	- 0.30	...
Grofund Exps Bal	113.40	117.50	-22.10	1.17
Grofund Gilt	80.28	82.76	- 0.09	4.58
Grofund Japan	160.80	169.20*	+ 0.70	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS Equity & Law Hse, Corpn St, Coventry 0203 553 231				
General Acc	500.10	532.10	- 3.00	2.37
General Inc	450.60	479.40	+ 1.80	2.37
UK Growth Acc	338.40	360.00*	+ 1.00	2.58
UK Growth Inc	236.90	252.10*	+ 0.70	2.58
Higher Inc Acc	634.20	674.70*	+ 1.20	3.60
Higher Inc Inc	379.20	403.50*	+ 0.70	3.60
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	190.30	200.90	...	5.68
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	97.30	102.70	...	5.68
Nth America	262.50	279.30*	+ 2.80	...
Far East	328.20	349.20*	+ 2.10	0.04
Europe	253.80	269.00	+ 0.80	0.96
Brit Excell	67.99	72.33*	+ 0.11	2.65
Brit Fndmtls Acc	96.72	102.90	+ 0.20	4.40
Brit Fndmtls Inc	73.40	78.09	+ 0.14	4.40
Global Opps	81.00	86.18*	+ 0.56	0.03
Balanced Acc	51.63	54.93*	+ 0.13	2.45
Balanced Inc	51.18	54.45*	+ 0.14	2.45
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS 80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth 0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	138.10	146.30	...	5.47
High Inc Equity	158.40	168.50*	- 0.60	4.67
Worldwide Bond	272.20	288.60*	+ 0.30	3.64
Capital Growth				
American Growth	299.90	320.70	+ 4.20	.99
Asian Pacific	335.20	357.10	+ 1.30	.26
Assets & Earnings	237.20	253.60*	- 1.60	2.15
Comdty & Energy	107.30	114.70	- 1.20	.48
1992 Enterprise	85.87	91.83	- 0.37	2.09
Euro Capital Inc	115.90	123.90	- 0.40	.78
General	217.10	230.90	- 1.40	2.36
Japan	114.30	122.20*	+ 0.40	...
Mastertrust	130.00	139.00	...	1.34
UK Growth Dist	122.70	130.50*	...	2.19
US Emerging Cos	127.90	136.00	+ 2.40	...
Income & Growth	367.20	390.60*	- 1.70	3.36
Ethical	69.57	72.94	- 0.35	2.50
International	104.60	111.20	- 0.40	.45
Dividend & Growth	60.09	63.92	- 0.22	4.40
Global Gwth & Sec	63.94	68.02	- 0.14	2.79
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 14 Melville St, Edinburgh EH3 7NS 031 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	1565.0	1632.0	- 2.00	...
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ 0800 833 580				
Aberdeen Portfolio	58.25	59.95	...	0.83
Amer Inc & Growth	44.93	47.41*	...	0.66
Cash	50.48	50.48	...	5.12
European	94.38	100.40	...	...
European Income	91.60	97.28*	...	1.54
Exempt	952.00	996.40*	...	3.93
Extra Income	50.13	54.74	...	4.61
Far East Emg Ecn	109.80	118.50	...	0.55
Fixed Interest	24.30	25.94	...	7.12
Fund Inv Tst	159.80	170.50*	...	0.99
Japan	188.10	200.30	...	...
Latin American	63.34	67.39	...	0.75
Pacific	71.12	76.17	...	0.36
Property Share	68.98	73.63	...	1.79
UK Emerging Cos	61.10	65.22	...	1.91
UK Growth	42.41	45.72*	...	2.58
World Growth	71.03	75.82*	...	0.72
Ethical	61.50	66.08	...	2.69
Aberdeen Gilt Inc	54.88	54.88	...	7.44
ACUMA FUND MANAGERS LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 690 336				
UK Equity Income	90.28	96.04	+ 0.43	3.49
UK Equity Growth	79.92	85.02	+ 0.33	2.78
European	61.57	65.50*	+ 0.23	1.50
Nth American	67.13	71.41*	+ 0.06	1.02
Far Eastern	64.76	68.89	+ 0.72	0.29
Money	64.86	64.86	- 0.01	4.38
Fixed Interest	72.81	77.46	...	6.02
Index Linked Gilt	68.17	72.52	+ 0.02	1.39
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 549 3232				
British Growth	64.39	68.50*	- 0.32	2.74
British Income	74.59	79.36*	- 0.37	3.51
Select Portfolio	80.77	85.93*	- 0.09	...
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD 101 King's Road Brentwood CM14 4DR 0452 305 958				
Amity Income	73.90	78.41	+ 0.14	2.08
Income Builder Inc	65.96	70.17	...	2.89
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL IFA dlg: 0793 610 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	233.80	249.90	+ 1.90	3.01
Capital	395.70	423.00	+ 2.90	1.88
Balanced	670.70	716.90	+ 3.00	2.39
Accumulator	1198.0	1280.0*	+ 8.00	2.95
Income Trusts				
American Income	50.29	53.76	+ 0.23	3.03
High Income	411.00	439.30	+ 2.90	3.60
Equity Income	232.90	248.90	+ 1.70	3.47
High Yield	253.30	270.70*	+ 2.10	3.47
Govt Securities	34.32	36.22	+ 0.07	4.94
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	135.00	144.30	+ 0.70	0.30
European Growth	31.02	32.95	+ 0.17	0.73
International	150.20	160.30	+ 0.70	0.37
Japan	189.30	202.00	- 0.50	0.01
Pacific	382.60	408.90	- 0.90	0.24
Secs of America	421.90	449.00*	+ 1.30	0.53
Wwide Asset Val	43.81	46.82	+ 0.17	0.30
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	512.60	547.90*	+ 3.00	2.26
Conv & Gilt	46.67	49.89	+ 0.17	4.07
Smaller Cos	163.10	174.30	...	1.27
2nd Smaller Cos	154.70	165.30	...	1.28
Recovery	134.00	143.20*	+ 0.40	2.03
Met Min & Cdty	141.30	151.00*	+ 0.90	0.89
Oseas Earnings	332.60	355.50	+ 1.80	2.19
Technology	153.60	164.00*	+ 0.40	0.05
UK Special Sits	428.90	458.40	+ 1.90	2.01
ARKWRIGHT MANAGEMENT 1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 358				
Growth	130.00	138.30	+ 0.10	2.02
Income	73.16	77.84	+ 0.37	4.40
European	54.14	57.60*	+ 0.06	0.85
Recovery	126.40	134.50	- 0.20	2.06
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Manor Royal, Crawley RH10 2QP 0293 526 911				
Contrctd Out Pens	97.51	101.30*	...	1.45
Foundtn Pens Pens	62.54	64.94*	...	4.00
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD 28 St John's Sq, London EC1M 4AE 071 251 6767				
Capital	69.69	74.13	- 0.26	2.09
International	59.84	63.65	...	0.53
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD 1 Rutland Court, Edinburgh EH3 8EY 031 222 4242				
America	298.00	321.40*	+ 3.20	...
Bond	123.70	130.10*	+ 0.20	6.05
Brit Smlr Cos	92.05	97.93	+ 0.09	1.03
Conv & Gen	59.65	63.66*	- 0.01	5.50
Energy	449.50	488.90	+ 3.30	0.25
Europe	205.00	218.20*	+ 0.90	0.70
Euro Smlr Cos	91.91	97.46	- 0.23	0.99
Income Gwth	335.10	357.60*	+ 1.20	4.29
Japan	307.40	326.90	- 1.20	...
Pacific	111.80	118.90	+ 0.30	0.69
UK Smlr Cos	46.96	49.96	+ 0.01	1.08
Japan Fd	706.80	727.40	- 4.80	...
Mngd Fd	166.70	177.30	+ 0.70	2.74
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD 36 Queen St, London EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	281.60	296.40	...	1.19
Capital Gwth	111.50	117.40	...	2.31
Wwide Opps	183.40	193.10	...	0.49
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD 11 Broadway, Stratford E15 4BJ 081 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Bust Inv Fd Inc	332.20	346.10*	- 0.90	2.86
European Bd Inc	99.50	103.00	...	7.25
Exempt	73.71	78.78*	- 0.15	4.11
Financial	70.30	75.18*	+ 0.16	2.54
500.00	425.90	456.80	- 0.70	2.61
General	260.80	279.00	- 0.60	2.65
Property	245.80	263.60	...	6.04
Trustee	176.70	189.00	- 0.10	2.46
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.60	100.60*	...	4.84
Extra Income	114.00	121.90*	- 0.20	4.21
Gilt & Fxd Int	61.58	63.65*	+ 0.02	7.92
Income	522.60	558.90	- 0.80	4.13
Income Builder	64.43	68.55	- 0.05	4.84
Intl Income	66.10	70.32	+ 0.16	2.95
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	112.60	120.40	- 0.40	2.73
Leisure	107.10	114.50	...	1.69
Recovery	389.70	416.80	- 0.10	2.74
Smllr Cos Inc	38.75	41.56	+ 0.05	2.28
Special Sits	256.90	274.80	- 0.30	2.09
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	130.00	138.00*	+ 1.60	0.23
Aust Acc	230.60	245.30	+ 2.80	1.47
Aust Inc	145.50	154.70	+ 1.70	1.47
Euro Gwth Inc	127.80	135.50	- 0.50	0.47
Japan & Gen Inc	169.50	179.50	- 0.50	...
Japan Spec Sits	73.43	77.78	- 0.80	...
Univ Tech Inc	70.96	75.41	+ 0.03	0.51
Worldwide	162.40	172.40	- 0.40	0.41
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9002				
American Growth	98.12	104.10	+ 0.80	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	127.70	136.90	+ 1.90	...
Cash Trust	50.22	50.22*	- 0.01	5.60
Convertibles	57.26	61.24	+ 0.06	6.20
Eastern	257.30	277.10	- 0.10	1.60
Equity Income	89.34	94.83*	+ 0.07	5.60
European Growth	263.90	280.50	...	1.50
Europe	181.60	193.90	...	1.50
German Growth	72.60	77.35	+ 0.31	0.70
Global Bond	69.49	73.28	+ 0.01	5.30
Global Growth	121.00	129.30	- 0.60	...
Japan Growth	191.80	206.60	+ 0.40	...
Japan Sunrise	166.90	178.60	- 0.40	...
Korea Trust	60.89	65.17	- 0.21	...
Portfolio	128.70	137.40	- 0.30	3.20
UK Growth	88.50	94.14	- 0.18	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	89.34	95.55*	- 0.06	1.90
Select Managers	71.24	76.23	- 0.06	2.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD 26-34 Old Street, London EC1V 9HL 071 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	74.55	79.31	...	...
Special Oppor Inc	49.69	52.86	...	...
BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD 5 Giltspur St, London EC1A 9DE 071 236 6441				
Special Sits	170.20	182.00	+ 0.20	0.52
Dividend	78.46	83.91	+ 0.30	4.55
Int Gth & Inc	218.70	233.90	+ 0.90	2.81
UK & Gen	43.30	46.31	- 0.03	1.40
Fund of Funds	62.64	66.99	- 0.25	...
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD 50 Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 6HR 041 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	100.81	107.82*	+ 0.33	1.55
Smaller Cos	91.90	98.29*	- 0.01	1.03
Higher Yield	42.45	45.40*	+ 0.11	3.01
American Gth Inc	66.53	71.16	+ 1.17	...
European Growth	116.00	124.07	- 0.29	0.17
Global Bond Inc	30.73	32.61*	+ 0.01	4.86
Mngd Ptfolio Inc	39.90	42.68	- 0.23	1.09
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 480 7236				
Short Dated Gilt	69.33	70.28	+ 0.02	4.96
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	141.00	150.10	- 0.20	1.50
UK Growth	155.80	165.80	- 0.50	2.07
UK Income	130.60	139.20*	- 0.20	4.07
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD High St, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 0707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	180.30	191.20	- 0.40	1.88
-do- Income Dist	109.10	115.60*	- 0.20	4.62
Gilt & Fxd Int	43.97	46.41	- 0.02	5.46
For Cannon see Lincoln National				
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF 061 236 5685 Enq: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5362				
American & Gen	143.30	152.50	+ 1.40	0.01
European Inc	72.15	76.35	+ 0.19	0.72
Far East & Gen	64.02	68.11	+ 0.46	...
Smaller Cos Inc-11	74.36	79.11	- 0.06	1.80
Growth	403.90	431.40	+ 1.70	2.24
Income & Growth	403.40	429.30	+ 1.20	3.55
Master Portfolio	1026.2	1065.7*	+29.00	2.02
Special Sits	92.85	98.78	+ 0.09	2.19
High Yield	1285.0	1325.0	+ 3.00	4.10
CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh 031 228 4477 Dealing: 0800 833 563				
American Gwth Tst	37.20	39.78*	+ 0.27	0.92
Cash Income	50.04	50.04*	...	5.40
European Gwth	36.31	38.72	- 0.18	0.90
Income & Gwth Inc	27.06	28.94	+ 0.10	4.28
Intnl Gwth	30.68	32.81	+ 0.15	0.78
Japan Gwth	26.02	27.82	+ 0.04	...
Managed Tst Inc	47.36	50.65	+ 0.10	0.52
Oriental Opps Inc	144.10	154.10	+ 0.20	0.64
Property Shares	40.67	43.49	...	1.87
Smaller Cos	28.79	30.79*	- 0.01	1.72
UK Growth Tst	24.32	26.01	+ 0.09	2.90
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	69.99	74.85	+ 0.21	1.72
Cap Hse UK Inc	64.80	69.30*	+ 0.30	2.47
Exempt	23.59	24.26	...	...
Formerly Brown Shipley				
European Inc	23.68	25.69	- 0.06	0.41
European Acc	24.77	26.64	- 0.06	...
Financial	142.00	151.80	+ 0.60	2.65
Foundation	83.66	89.48	- 0.09	2.40
German	49.36	52.57	- 0.13	0.07
High Income	76.45	81.76	+ 0.22	6.25
Income	130.60	139.70*	+ 2.40	3.80
Intl Growth	36.93	39.33*	+ 0.22	0.16
Mngd Ptflio Inc	97.48	104.20	...	1.70
Mngd Ptflio Acc	185.40	198.20	...	...
Monthly Income	76.08	81.03	+ 0.13	3.98
North American	111.00	118.70	+ 1.10	0.15
Orient	139.00	148.60	+ 0.30	...
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	79.00	84.49	+ 0.31	2.36
American Portfolio	89.63	95.60	+ 0.37	0.96
European Portfolio	83.76	89.46	+ 0.49	0.82
Japanese Portfolio	61.57	65.62	- 0.09	...
Pacific Portfolio	133.86	143.94	+ 0.25	0.82
UK Inc & Growth	71.16	76.22	+ 0.21	4.14
Utility & Bond	56.00	56.68	+ 0.12	6.27
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD 5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 332 5080				
UK General Tst	63.27	67.30	+ 0.33	2.98
Global Tst	58.22	61.93	+ 0.38	0.31
Recovery Tst	65.52	69.70	+ 0.14	1.80
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD 151 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3AD 071 837 7667				
Intl Growth	134.47	141.54	...	1.80
UK Growth	103.67	109.13	...	2.40
UK Income	110.27	116.08	...	4.18
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	87.30	94.59	...	1.77
Beck Bio-Tech	42.86	45.60	- 0.55	...
Acorn Ethical Tst	154.56	162.70	...	1.14
City Fin Assets	66.50	70.00*	...	1.75
City Fin America	79.43	83.61	...	...
City Fin Intl	72.11	75.90*	...	0.52
City Fin Japan	156.44	164.67	...	...
Friars Hse Cap	257.60	271.16	...	2.40
Friars Hse Inc	193.26	203.43*	...	5.01
Buckley Wrld Grth	129.23	137.48	...	0.73
Fairmnt Cap Gth	133.56	140.59*	+ 1.27	...
-do- Inc & Gth	108.53	114.26*	- 0.72	2.25
Fairmount Intl	148.77	156.60*	+ 0.03	...
City Fin Ptflo Inc	59.43	63.22	- 0.49	3.53
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 10 Eastcheap, London EC3M 1AJ 0392 412 144				
Emerging Markets	52.07	55.25	+ 0.23	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	57.13	61.10	+ 0.59	...
Atlas Mngd Gwth	36.36	38.89	+ 0.08	0.17
Dragon Growth	70.11	74.98	+ 0.10	0.61
Equity High Inc	81.16	86.11	+ 0.26	3.73
European Gwth	45.71	48.50	+ 0.14	1.22
Evergreen	28.96	30.97	+ 0.25	...
General Equity	79.85	84.72	+ 0.23	2.33
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	27.37	28.76	+ 0.02	8.08
Japan Growth	44.96	48.09	- 0.13	...
Pedigree Gwth	47.81	51.00	+ 0.11	2.12
Fed Sm Cos Inc	30.07	31.90	+ 0.04	0.88
Retirement Inc	25.74	27.68	+ 0.10	5.43
Special Sits	35.08	37.52	- 0.03	1.84
UK & Overseas	47.18	50.06	+ 0.16	2.15
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY 0634 898 000				
Capital	62.15	66.47	+ 0.20	2.89
Income	59.56	63.69	+ 0.03	3.91
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ 081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	155.06	164.96*	- 0.97	5.36
Fixed & Convertible	45.21	48.10*	- 0.01	5.90
Monthly Inc Plus	51.85	55.16*	+ 0.04	8.12
Preference Share	49.55	52.71*	...	7.21
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	126.63	134.71*	+ 0.41	6.10
Managed Fund	65.80	70.00*	+ 0.17	2.88
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	38.40	40.85	+ 0.03	2.01
UK & General	73.20	77.87*	+ 0.32	2.78
UK Growth	129.02	137.26	+ 0.34	1.65
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	166.77	177.42	+ 0.59	...
Far Eastern Grth	127.78	135.94	+ 0.40	0.31
Global Bond	86.88	92.32*	+ 0.04	5.78
Gold & Cdtys	65.47	69.40	+ 0.14	...
Japan Growth	109.90	116.91	+ 0.38	...
North Amer Grth	161.76	172.09	+ 1.59	...
Oriental Growth	77.24	82.17	- 0.15	...
Worldwide Growth	61.00	64.89*	+ 0.21	0.26
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.99	91.99*	+ 0.01	5.00
Homemaker Fund	73.01	77.67	+ 0.19	1.97
Quilter Fund	130.05	138.35	+ 0.64	2.15
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744 840				
Growth Inc	55.53	59.07	+ 0.22	3.00
High Income	33.03	35.13*	+ 0.13	4.50
Japan	32.69	34.77	+ 0.06	...
Smaller Cos Inc	28.59	30.40*	- 0.01	2.40
Smaller Cos	29.75	31.64*	- 0.01	2.40
North American	32.09	34.13	+ 0.18	0.60
European	33.37	35.50	+ 0.06	0.50
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD 1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Consistent UT	29.97	32.15	- 0.41	4.60
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494				
Equity Dist	782.70	796.50*	...	3.77
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex 0277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	65.67	69.88	- 0.20	1.88
Income	226.60	241.10	- 0.90	3.68
Smaller Cos	135.00	143.70	+ 0.10	1.09
Inv Portfolio	71.79	76.38	- 0.15	2.17
High Income Port	64.95	69.10	+ 0.16	3.94
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS 071 480 0177				
Euro Small Cos	1342.7	1370.2	-15.20	...
Japan Small Cos	1080.6	1081.9*	-105.5	...
UK Small Cos	1603.2	1676.3	-16.40	...
US Small Cos	1582.9	1626.3*	-33.90	...
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL 071 377 8819				
Disc Inc	178.90	188.30*	...	2.90
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 25 Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh 031 315 2500				
European Gwth	228.30	241.50	+ 0.20	1.24
New Asia	200.70	216.90	+ 0.40	0.36
Japan Growth	116.40	123.60	- 0.60	...
Jap Smllr Co	476.40	506.80	- 2.80	...
Nth Amer	239.40	254.00	+ 0.40	0.96
Shilrd Asia Pac Mt	111.30	119.00	+ 0.50	0.52
UK Inc & Grth	207.20	221.00*	+ 1.00	3.66
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	131.20	139.60	- 0.70	2.47
UK High Inc Inc	142.80	151.90*	- 0.30	5.83
UK Pref & F I Inc	63.88	67.73	- 0.03	6.50
Envrnmntl Opps	74.95	79.73	- 0.03	1.54
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh 0345 090 526				
American	119.30	126.80*	+ 0.80	0.39
Convertibles	23.21	24.66	- 0.01	7.91
Equity Income	130.30	139.60	+ 0.10	3.61
EuroFund	41.68	44.10	+ 0.20	0.91
Growth & Inc	226.30	240.40	+ 0.20	3.12
High Dist	154.00	163.60*	+ 0.50	4.58
International	357.30	379.60	+ 0.80	0.86
Intl Income	92.30	98.53	+ 0.16	2.64
Latin American	39.64	42.12	+ 0.10	0.30
Pacific	78.45	83.35	- 0.73	0.36
Smllr Jap Cos	71.20	75.65	+ 0.31	...
Tokyo	199.80	212.00	+ 0.10	...
UK Smaller Cos	216.40	229.90	- 0.40	1.09
Formerly Target				
Financial	47.07	50.01	+ 0.06	2.42
Japan & General	156.40	166.20	- 0.10	...
Preference Share	23.92	25.42*	+ 0.03	7.16
ELCON LTD Central Ct, Knoll Rise, Orpington BR6 0JA 0689 70538				
Elcon Trust	205.20	217.20	...	...
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	189.20	201.30	- 2.20	0.46
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QN 0296 431 480				
European	70.63	74.35	+ 0.59	1.82
Far Eastern	296.01	311.59	+ 1.19	1.37
High Income	128.34	135.09*	+ 0.75	4.60
Intl Growth	109.30	115.05	+ 0.40	1.26
North American	113.78	119.77	+ 0.58	1.04
Pelican	112.34	118.25	+ 0.85	3.17
Smaller Cos	70.66	74.38	+ 0.16	3.00
Special Sits	84.54	88.99	+ 0.45	2.02
Tst of Inv Tsts	170.24	179.20	+ 0.26	2.09
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	185.00	188.78*	- 0.12	1.79
Smaller Cos Acc	320.28	326.82*	- 0.21	1.79
Recovery	44.56	45.47*	- 0.15	2.34
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD 23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB 0392 412 144				
Balanced	116.20	123.48*	- 0.09	5.06
Capital Growth	73.29	78.60*	+ 0.14	...
Fd of Inv Tsts	40.23	42.92	+ 0.12	0.26
High Income	46.96	50.10*	+ 0.25	8.84
Warrant	54.49	59.23	+ 0.24	...
Zero Preference	36.66	38.90	...	...
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	70.59	75.09	...	2.80
Family Income Tst	49.24	52.38*	...	6.26
Family Trust	79.16	84.21	...	1.75
United Charities	231.00	247.80*	...	3.76
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161 Broker Dealings 0800 414 181				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	...	5.00
Stabiliser Growth Range				
Controlled Risk UK	25.09	26.44	+ 0.04	3.21
-do- Europe	24.98	26.32	- 0.05	4.93
-do- America	23.94	25.22	+ 0.07	0.56
-do- Acc Japan	28.18	29.84	+ 0.07	0.83
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	31.10	31.70*	+ 0.01	6.43
Intl Bond	32.10	33.53*	- 0.08	5.06
Income Funds				
High Income	27.26	28.68*	+ 0.06	5.05
Income Plus	117.10	124.60	+ 0.30	3.57
Amer Eq Inc	47.57	50.49*	+ 0.33	0.77
European Income	39.96	42.49	- 0.01	2.80
Far East Inc	62.27	66.62*	+ 0.05	2.55
Global Convertible	23.23	24.78	+ 0.01	2.41
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	60.50	64.54*	+ 0.11	...
American	227.40	241.10*	+ 2.00	...
Amer Spec Sits	105.70	112.80	+ 1.20	...
Japan Smaller Cos	37.09	39.57	- 0.29	...
European	146.40	155.70	- 0.40	...
European Opps	54.93	57.99	+ 0.07	...
UK Growth	79.01	84.01	- 0.01	...
Growth & Inc	148.40	157.80	+ 1.20	3.19
Intl PEP	32.93	35.02	+ 0.08	...
Japan Spec Sits	81.99	87.58	+ 0.13	...
Japan	172.50	184.20	+ 0.00	...
Managed Intl	247.30	264.20	+ 1.00	...
Moneybuilder	47.32	50.48	+ 0.03	...
Recovery	39.58	42.09	- 0.15	...
South E Asia	151.00	161.10	- 0.10	...
Special Sits	464.00	493.40	+ 1.20	...
Specialist Funds				
UK Index	105.70	111.30	+ 0.30	3.43
UK Reverse Index	86.14	90.70	- 0.44	4.22
Europe Index	110.60	116.50	+ 0.10	4.87
-do- Reverse Index	74.42	79.52	+ 0.05	7.36
America Index	102.50	107.90	+ 0.50	0.92
-do- Reverse Index	94.99	100.10	- 0.10	1.04
Japan Index	118.80	125.10	+ 2.10	1.09
-do- Reverse Index	107.00	112.60	- 1.80	1.49
Cash Accum Units	103.50	103.50	+ 0.01	5.00
Fidelity Select Personal Pension Portfolios				
American	205.30	216.20	+ 1.70	...
Amer Spec Sits	188.00	197.90	+ 2.10	...
Cash	152.70	162.70	...	...
European	238.80	251.40	- 0.60	...
1992 Euro Opps	217.10	228.60	+ 0.30	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	154.10	164.20	- 0.20	...
Global Conv	121.20	129.10	...	...
Income Plus	149.20	157.10	...	...
Japan Spec Sits	110.10	115.90	+ 0.10	...
Japan	99.08	104.30	+ 0.60	...
Managed	180.90	190.50	...	...
South East Asia	354.70	373.40	- 0.50	...
Special Sits	177.30	186.70	- 0.50	...
UK Growth	146.30	154.10	...	...
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD 31 Sun Street, London EC2M 2QP 071 377 9242				
Balanced	130.50	133.70	...	2.26
Inc Ptflio	85.19	86.80*	+ 0.19	3.68
Cap Ptflio	140.30	143.40	+ 0.80	0.62
General Opps	122.60	124.30*	...	3.45
Growth Inc	29.53	30.10*	+ 0.06	2.27
Private Portfolio	404.20	412.30	...	1.48
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT Admin, PO Box 2001, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XR Enq: 071 454 1454 Dlg: 0277 261 080				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	103.20	109.10	+ 0.30	0.45
Far Eastern	155.40	166.50*	+ 1.00	...
High Income	23.44	24.97*	+ 0.10	10.00
Oseas Income	98.39	105.40	+ 0.20	2.85
UK Growth	102.80	109.90	+ 1.10	1.06
UK Income	104.10	111.40*	+ 0.20	5.39
US Smaller Cos	287.20	307.20*	+ 1.60	...
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	48.69	51.80	+ 0.02	4.02
-do- Inv Tst Inc	71.68	76.26	+ 0.04	4.07
Intl Growth	67.27	71.58*	...	1.26
Investment Trust	82.55	87.82	- 0.02	0.25
UK Smaller Cos	76.47	81.35	- 0.01	1.35
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
American Growth	54.36	58.10	+ 0.67	...
(Accum Units)	54.36	58.10	+ 0.67	...
Amer Smllr Cos	472.90	505.70	+ 5.20	...
(Accum Units)	483.10	516.60	+ 5.30	...
Capital Tst	290.90	309.40	- 0.10	1.75
(Accum Units)	409.40	435.40	- 0.10	1.75
Contl Smllr Cos	52.03	54.78	- 0.06	0.76
(Accum Units)	54.39	58.31	- 0.06	0.76
Convertible	130.40	138.70	- 0.10	5.00
(Accum Units)	247.60	263.30	- 0.20	5.00
Emerging Markets	72.34	77.28	+ 0.19	...
(Accum Units)	72.34	77.28	+ 0.19	...
European	106.60	113.80	...	0.45
(Accum Units)	111.20	118.60	...	0.45
Extra Income	317.10	337.30	+ 0.60	3.63
(Accum Units)	454.00	482.90	+ 0.80	3.63
Financial	120.90	129.30	+ 0.20	0.49
(Accum Units)	126.50	135.40	+ 0.30	0.49
Gilt Trust	68.61	70.74*	+ 0.20	5.77
(Accum Units)	90.83	93.66*	+ 0.26	5.77
Health Fund Inc	134.10	143.20	+ 0.80	...
(Accum Units)	134.10	143.20	+ 0.80	...
Income & Growth	186.70	198.50*	+ 0.10	3.64
(Accum Units)	270.70	287.90*	+ 0.30	3.64
Intl Growth	350.60	374.70	+ 2.40	...
(Accum Units)	389.30	416.00	+ 2.50	...
Japan & Gen	177.80	189.80	- 0.20	...
(Accum Units)	179.60	191.70	- 0.20	...
Managed Port Inc	99.00	104.20*	+ 0.20	0.73
(Accum Units)	104.20	109.60*	+ 0.20	0.73
Monthly Income	160.00	170.10	- 0.20	3.76
Quarterly Income	52.92	56.29	+ 0.09	5.39
(Accum Units)	54.12	57.56	+ 0.08	5.39
Recovery	318.60	340.30	+ 1.20	0.31
(Accum Units)	374.30	400.20	+ 1.40	0.31
UK Growth	49.19	52.51*	+ 0.11	2.68
(Accum Units)	49.19	53.51	+ 0.11	2.68
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts Dealing: 0722 411 411 Admin: 0722 411 622				
FP Equity Dist	366.19	389.56*	- 1.74	2.57
-do- Accum	755.73	803.97*	- 3.59	2.57
FP Euro Gth Dist	119.33	126.95	- 0.38	0.69
-do- Accum	123.93	131.84	- 0.40	0.69
FP Fixed Int Dist	142.23	150.44	+ 0.07	5.61
-do- Accum	243.38	257.44	+ 0.12	5.61
FP Intl Gth Dist	84.80	90.21	+ 0.16	0.60
-do- Accum	88.04	93.66	+ 0.17	0.60
FP Nth Amer Dist	184.33	195.26	+ 1.73	0.54
-do- Accum	200.89	212.81	+ 1.88	0.54
FP Pac Basin Dist	283.05	301.12	+ 1.44	0.01
-do- Accum	288.46	306.87	+ 1.47	0.01
Stewardship Dist	317.72	338.00*	- 0.85	1.89
-do- Accum	381.42	405.77*	- 1.02	1.89
Swrdshp Inc Dist	69.12	73.53*	- 0.07	3.31
-do- Accum	86.68	92.21*	- 0.09	3.31
N Am Sshp Dist	101.74	108.23	+ 0.82	...
-do- Accum	107.62	114.49	+ 0.86	...
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD PO Box 237, York YO1 1LA 0345 581 806/7				
GANDA	224.00	236.80*	- 0.90	2.17
Cash	49.39	50.13*	...	4.73
Growth Portfolio	78.23	82.93	+ 0.24	0.36
Income Portfolio	66.25	70.06*	- 0.31	3.66
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD Alban Gate, 14th Floor, 125 London Wall, London EC2Y 5AS 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	152.00	162.60	+ 1.30	...
European	460.80	491.10	+ 1.60	1.47
Far East & Gen	253.70	271.40	- 2.30	0.27
Germany	118.30	125.60	+ 0.30	...
Global Assets Inc	78.31	83.05	+ 0.06	0.91
Income Inc	142.10	152.00	- 0.30	5.19
International	313.60	335.10	+ 0.70	0.70
Intl Income	84.47	89.62	+ 0.22	3.94
Japan & General	396.70	422.10	- 2.00	...
Korean Securities	62.04	66.31	- 0.40	0.20
Smllr Cos Div Inc	47.60	50.91	+ 0.20	5.70
UK Capital (Inc)	170.50	182.40	+ 0.80	1.92
UK Spec Sits	82.41	88.14	+ 0.01	0.38
US & General	128.60	136.80	+ 1.30	...
Wwide Spec Sits	146.30	156.00	+ 0.60	0.10
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ 071 782 2000 Digs only: 0277 264 421 Investor Services: Freephone 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	48.29	51.72	+ 0.36	2.05
Cash Trust	131.26	131.26	+ 0.01	5.05
Practical Inv Inc	110.81	118.68	+ 0.14	3.72
UK Index	139.60	142.04	+ 0.48	3.04
UK Smaller Cos	104.87	112.46	+ 0.24	1.53
Income Funds				
Preference Share	27.18	29.07*	...	8.70
High Income	34.20	36.58*	+ 0.26	4.76
UK Equity Income	137.83	147.41	- 0.03	3.62
Global Bond	30.59	31.70	+ 0.07	4.61
International Funds				
Frontier Markets	53.50	54.52	- 0.10	...
Global Inc & Gth	130.22	139.08*	+ 0.54	1.57
Gold & Intl Res	104.40	111.96	- 0.89	0.62
Global Utilities	128.47	137.40	+ 0.24	0.72
Overseas Funds				
American	136.73	146.27	+ 1.16	0.50
European	89.97	95.39	- 0.56	0.94
Euro Sel Opps	112.43	119.64	- 0.23	0.23
Amer Emerging	95.25	102.14	+ 0.69	...
Hong Kong	155.46	166.71	+ 1.46	1.00
Japan	214.53	228.59	+ 1.91	...
Pacific Growth	212.73	228.13	+ 0.54	...
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	197.83	197.83*	+ 0.27	1.92
Long Term Bal	218.83	216.83*	+ 0.42	2.06
Med Term Bal	187.13	187.13*	+ 0.46	2.59
UK Equity	218.92	218.92*	+ 0.56	1.54
UK Emerging Cos	129.60	129.60	- 0.06	2.09
American	230.45	230.45	+ 1.38	1.27
Japan	120.52	120.52	+ 0.49	...
European	229.20	229.20	- 1.66	1.04
Index Linked Gilt	171.00	171.00	- 0.16	2.99
Fixed Interest	163.56	163.56*	- 0.09	6.33
Amer Emergng	249.70	249.70	+ 1.52	...
Pacific	230.23	230.23	- 5.19	0.63
Emerging Mkts	168.21	168.21	- 0.47	...
Index Strat Japan	143.59	143.59	...	0.25
-do- Pacific Rim	187.17	187.17	...	1.42
-do- Cont Europe	130.74	130.74	...	1.84
Index Strat USA	129.31	129.31	...	2.15
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	93.64	99.61	+ 0.13	...
Med Term Bal	89.02	94.70	+ 0.23	...
Long Term Bal	98.65	104.95	+ 0.20	...
UK Equity	101.11	107.57	+ 0.28	...
UK Emerging Cos	60.79	64.67	- 0.03	...
American	107.19	114.03	+ 0.68	...
Japan	58.05	61.76	+ 0.25	...
European	95.72	101.83	+ 0.01	...
Fixed Interest	81.89	87.12	- 0.05	...
Index Linked Gilt	75.76	80.59	- 0.08	...
Deposit	76.01	80.86	- 0.04	...
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Int Grth	117.92	124.13	- 0.08	...
Berkeley Income	110.45	116.26	- 0.24	2.19
BWH Intl	130.11	136.96*	- 0.36	0.62
Breitif Gth Port Inc	57.97	61.18*	- 0.08	2.50
-do- Inc Port Inc	57.34	60.52	- 0.13	3.75
-do- Wwide Port	50.87	53.69	- 0.13	1.00
Shaw Utilities	53.03	55.97*	- 0.22	3.81
GLENFRIARS UNIT TST MGRS LTD 22 Suffolk St, London SW1Y 4HS 071 930 2813				
Inv Opportunities	128.60	136.20	...	...
Higher Income	118.70	125.10*	...	3.26
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT GAM Sterling Management Ltd 12 St James's Place, London SW1 071 493 9990				
# Intl Inc	528.98	562.71	...	0.08
European Inc	132.53	140.99	...	2.40
Amalgam Inc	138.59	146.75	...	0.35
N America Inc	311.07	330.93	- 3.98	...
Far East Inc	318.37	338.69	...	0.20
UK Divd Inc	151.91	161.61	...	1.23
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	82.75	87.10	- 0.84	4.02
UK Small Cos	46.26	49.48	- 0.22	1.10
British Growth	52.83	55.84	- 0.14	2.14
American Gwth	146.66	156.86	+ 1.58	...
Japan Gwth	75.61	80.89	+ 0.42	...
Greater China	184.83	197.68	+ 0.53	0.95
Pacific Strategy	159.90	171.02	+ 1.42	0.15
European Gwth	72.91	77.97*	- 0.28	0.52
Intl Growth	143.79	153.79	+ 0.86	0.24
US Index (£)	13.554	14.282	-0.086	1.90
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	70.88	75.06	- 0.22	2.15
Monthly Income	45.76	48.63	- 0.10	10.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0033				
UK Index (£)	11.251	11.766	+0.108	4.40
Euro Index (£)	12.193	12.760	+0.182	4.50
Japan Index (£)	9.7762	10.232	...	1.85
US Index (£)	14.259	14.918	+0.000	1.50
Cash (£)	9.5265	9.5761	+0.001	5.10
UK Bear (£)	7.8052	8.1619	-0.074	4.40
European Bear (£)	8.6150	9.0103	-0.153	4.50
Japan Bear (£)	14.462	15.132	...	1.85
US Bear (£)	9.1927	9.6171	...	1.50
Dollar Bull (£)	15.906	16.648	+0.147	1.50
Dollar Bear (£)	7.1027	7.4264	-0.023	4.40
Gilt Bull (£)	11.623	12.150	+0.027	4.40
Gilt Bear (£)	7.3374	7.6645	-0.023	4.40
Dollar Cash (£)	10.708	10.761	+0.033	1.90
Grd UK Index (£)	10.625	11.192	-0.013	4.40
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD Mint Hse, 77 Mansell St, London E1 8AF 071 488 1212				
Small Cos	86.15	91.64	- 0.33	1.41
Bridge Income	263.29	279.03*	- 2.82	5.25
GUARDIAN ROYAL EX UT MGRS LTD 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9668				
Cash	133.40	133.40*	...	4.96
European	398.00	425.30	- 2.10	0.13
Gilt & Fixed	133.90	142.10	...	4.78
Growth Equity	306.90	327.80*	- 0.90	2.04
Income Trust	119.30	127.40	- 0.50	3.15
International	177.80	184.60	- 0.50	...
Japan Trust	119.70	127.80	+ 0.10	...
Nth American	267.70	285.90*	+ 2.10	0.26
Pacific	533.90	570.30*	- 0.30	...
Guardhill	452.60	483.50	- 0.90	2.13
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD 5 Gainsford Street, London SE1 2NE 071 522 2129				
EMU Trust	112.79	117.06	- 0.36	7.68
Global High Inc	115.68	120.07	- 0.19	7.85
Prem Fixed Int	115.12	119.52	- 0.21	7.53
Eqty & Bond Inc	101.99	108.45*	- 0.11	5.50
European Growth	87.39	92.92	- 0.05	...
Intl PEP Trust	55.91	59.45	+ 0.02	...
High Income	113.48	120.66*	+ 1.02	3.33
Recovery	329.10	350.00*	+ 2.00	3.47
St Vinc High Inc	127.92	129.83	+ 0.25	7.57
Tmp Bar Emer Co	216.70	230.40*	+ 0.30	2.84
Tmp Br Sm Co In	316.80	322.30	- 0.30	3.10
HALIFAX STANDARD TST MGT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838 868				
Global Advtg Inc	37.41	39.86	- 0.10	1.49
Income Advtg Inc	31.25	33.66	- 0.10	3.56
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 380 Dealing: 0277 690 390				
Model Ptfolio	185.50	196.80*	- 1.00	2.40
Smaller Cos	31.66	33.68	- 0.02	1.84
HENDERSON UNIT TST MGMT LTD PO Box 2257, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enquiries: 0277 263 280 Dealing: 0277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	268.03	286.70	+ 0.31	1.48
Best of British	59.18	63.26*	+ 0.19	2.28
UK Smaller Cos	111.76	120.17	- 1.10	1.07
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	255.28	271.86*	+ 0.96	3.23
High Income	309.36	330.70*	- 0.30	3.86
Extra Income	279.33	297.37	+ 0.09	4.27
Pref & Gilt	48.49	52.12*	...	7.81
International				
International	249.08	265.97	+ 0.88	0.33
Global Bond	59.16	62.93	- 0.11	5.74
Family of Funds	76.35	81.31	- 0.17	0.49
Global Tech	141.19	150.99*	+ 1.24	...
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	170.90	182.76	- 0.31	0.27
European	421.05	445.58*	+ 0.70	0.48
European Income	77.62	82.13	- 0.04	2.42
Euro Smlr Cos	132.75	141.22*	- 0.27	0.36
Eur Sp Sits	54.49	58.11*	+ 0.11	0.29
Japan Trust	200.22	213.25	+ 1.07	...
Japan Special Sits	231.28	246.28	- 0.39	...
Pacific Smlr Cos	241.35	256.75	- 1.80	0.17
North American	230.78	245.54	+ 1.69	0.15
American Smaller	102.46	109.52*	+ 1.49	...
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	55.00	58.32	+ 0.80	...
Eur Sp Sits	47.22	50.07	+ 0.10	...
General Growth	39.75	42.15	+ 0.13	...
Global Tech	55.84	59.21	+ 0.49	...
Income Growth	38.72	41.06	+ 0.15	...
Japan Growth	24.67	26.16	+ 0.13	...
Overseas Growth	36.79	39.01	+ 0.13	...
Smaller Cos	19.96	21.16	+ 0.13	...
Special Opps	26.26	27.85	- 0.25	...
Sterling Liquidity	35.98	37.48	...	...
Wwide Sp Sits	45.88	48.65	+ 0.16	...
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	93.88	100.40*	+ 1.05	1.96
Capital	163.90	175.20	+ 0.60	1.73
Dollar	329.00	351.80*	+ 3.30	0.01
European	216.40	231.40	+ 0.40	0.46
Far East	303.00	324.00	- 0.70	0.25
Financial	782.80	837.20	+ 8.30	1.44
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	27.96	29.04*	- 0.17	7.10
High Yield	107.50	114.90*	+ 0.20	4.27
Income & Growth	143.30	153.20*	+ 0.40	3.17
International	228.80	244.70	+ 1.30	0.07
Japanese General	179.90	192.40	+ 0.40	...
Japan Tech	64.41	68.88	- 0.17	...
Nat Resources	65.54	70.09	+ 0.22	0.55
Portfolio	69.74	74.58	+ 0.79	1.86
Security	312.70	334.40	+ 0.70	1.92
Smaller Cos	117.00	125.10*	+ 0.10	1.40
Special Sits	143.20	153.10	...	1.44
UK Emerging Cos	76.19	81.48	+ 0.02	0.33
US Smaller Cos	74.71	79.90	+ 1.99	...
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU Dlg: 071 955 5055 Enq: 0800 181 890				
James Capel Unit Trusts Dlg: 071 955 5055 Enq: 0800 181 890				
Index Funds				
American Index	201.10	214.30	+ 1.20	1.19
Eurotrack 100	144.90	153.80	+ 1.00	1.02
Footsie Fund	115.40	121.90	+ 0.60	2.64
Japan Index	76.36	81.42	+ 0.43	0.13
Tiger Index	191.10	204.00	+ 0.10	0.48
Trixie Index	109.10	116.40	...	1.88
UK Index	132.30	141.20	+ 0.60	2.82
Active Funds				
American Growth	465.70	497.00	+ 4.70	0.16
Capital	564.90	602.90*	+ 1.80	2.22
European Growth	94.25	100.10	+ 0.71	0.37
Far East Growth	101.70	108.50	+ 0.10	...
Global Bond	24.27	25.58	+ 0.03	5.54
Hong Kong Gwth	113.10	120.70	+ 0.70	0.56
Income	543.90	580.50*	+ 1.10	3.84
Intl Growth	76.02	81.08	+ 0.25	0.10
Japan Growth	259.50	277.00*	+ 0.80	...
Japan Smllr Cos	32.94	35.08	- 0.36	...
Spore & Mlysn Gth	73.18	78.10	- 1.44	...
Midland Unit Trusts Dealing 0742 529200 Enquiries 0742 529076				
Balanced	59.20	63.32	...	2.63
(Accum Units)	60.87	65.10	...	2.63
British Tst	81.26	86.91	+ 0.20	1.95
(Accum Units)	91.99	98.38	+ 0.23	1.95
European Growth	190.20	203.40*	+ 0.80	0.46
(Accum Units)	240.40	257.10*	+ 1.10	0.46
Extra High Inc	73.23	78.32	+ 0.06	5.75
(Accum Units)	132.50	141.70	- 0.20	5.75
FT-SE 100 Index	51.47	55.05	+ 0.24	2.45
(Accum Units)	52.34	55.87	+ 0.24	2.45
Gilt & Fxd Int	59.57	62.02	+ 0.08	6.22
(Accum Units)	161.10	167.80	+ 0.30	6.22
High Yield	230.90	247.00*	...	4.69
(Accum Units)	553.90	592.30*	...	4.69
Income	293.10	313.50	+ 0.20	2.74
(Accum Units)	619.80	662.80	+ 0.50	2.74
Japan Growth	325.60	348.20	+ 0.20	...
(Accum Units)	343.60	367.40	+ 0.20	...
Mandarin Tst	121.70	130.20	- 1.40	0.67
(Accum Units)	127.30	136.10	- 1.50	0.67
Money Market UT	49.29	49.29	...	4.64
(Accum Units)	74.06	74.06	...	4.64
North American	175.20	187.40*	+ 0.40	0.44
(Accum Units)	221.50	236.80*	+ 0.50	0.44
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	94.94	101.00	+ 0.20	1.94
European Growth	90.63	96.42	- 0.44	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	87.06	92.45	+ 0.13	6.00
Income	82.61	87.88	+ 0.06	3.00
Japan Growth	48.49	51.58	+ 0.02	...
Managed	65.67	69.86	- 0.13	2.52
Money Market	82.08	87.00	...	4.62
North American	85.21	90.65	- 0.27	0.49
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	86.30	91.81	+ 0.21	1.92
European Growth	85.42	90.87	+ 0.41	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	82.32	87.39	+ 0.12	6.01
Income	81.30	86.38	+ 0.06	2.97
Japan Growth	48.44	51.53	+ 0.02	...
Managed	62.84	66.85	- 0.13	2.49
Money Market	75.88	80.43	...	4.57
North American	77.70	82.66	+ 0.24	0.59
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	86.64	92.17	+ 0.22	1.90
European Growth	83.39	88.71	+ 0.40	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	76.49	81.20	+ 0.11	6.08
Income	80.81	85.97	+ 0.06	2.97
Japan Growth	49.57	52.73	+ 0.02	...
Managed	66.07	70.29	+ 0.12	2.47
Money Market	71.44	75.73	...	4.60
North American	86.12	91.62	+ 0.28	0.46
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Investment Tst	66.96	71.14*	+ 0.13	0.58
Smaller Cos	27.14	29.01	- 0.01	1.78
Special Features	30.02	31.89	+ 0.09	1.59
(Accum Units)	35.78	38.01	+ 0.11	1.59
General Funds				
Assets & Earnings	74.13	78.76	+ 0.19	1.94
Accum Units	88.47	93.99	+ 0.22	1.94
General Equities	72.01	76.51	+ 0.20	2.65
Great British Cos	50.08	53.55	- 0.27	1.61
Managed Invest	94.12	100.40	+ 0.20	1.07
PEP Managed	67.90	72.50*	- 0.19	2.11
Expert Child Tst	79.52	84.78	+ 0.36	1.86
UK Growth	57.66	61.61*	+ 0.23	1.59
High Income Funds				
Cashbox (Dist)	50.53	50.53	...	4.14
Cashbox (Acc)	56.98	56.98	+ 0.01	4.14
Extra Income	86.39	92.29	+ 0.13	4.62
Gilt	30.01	31.60	...	5.78
Income & Growth	40.98	43.69*	+ 0.09	3.33
Mlmstar Gilt & FI	80.16	81.94*	+ 0.07	7.29
Preference Shares	18.45	19.60*	+ 0.01	6.45
UK Income	332.40	355.00	+ 1.20	3.03
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fin Securities	65.31	69.39	+ 0.51	0.99
Property Shares	76.87	82.62	+ 0.10	1.42
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	51.09	54.33	+ 0.33	0.76
US Smaller Cos	114.00	121.10	+ 1.30	...
(Accum Units)	115.20	122.40	+ 1.10	...
Europe Perf	128.90	136.50	+ 0.20	...
(Accum Units)	133.30	141.10	+ 0.20	...
Euro Smaller Cos	24.67	26.17*	+ 0.07	...
French Growth	71.96	76.27	- 0.06	0.13
Accum Units	76.87	81.48	- 0.06	0.13
H Kong & China	96.29	102.30	+ 0.50	0.39
Intl Growth	54.14	57.52*	+ 0.16	0.18
Accum Units	54.39	57.78*	+ 0.17	0.18
Japan Perf	30.94	32.85	- 0.06	...
Accum Units	30.94	32.85	- 0.06	...
Japan Smaller Cos	37.33	39.63	- 0.30	...
Singapore ASEAN	108.80	115.50	...	...
Accum Units	109.50	116.30	...	...
SE Asia	305.40	324.40	- 0.30	0.02
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Income	90.69	96.76	+ 0.35	2.02
Intl Bond	59.17	60.08	+ 0.11	5.15
JUPITER MERLIN UT MGRS LTD 197 Knightsbridge, London SW7 1RB 071 581 3020				
American Cap	172.20	183.20	+ 0.50	...
Income	133.52	142.04	+ 0.08	4.47
Res & General	147.80	157.20	+ 0.20	...
UK Growth	49.02	52.15	- 0.21	1.85
International	76.22	81.09	+ 0.02	1.02
Ecology	79.36	84.43*	- 0.08	0.62
European	101.03	107.19	+ 0.15	...
Far Eastern	33.30	35.70	+ 1.40	...
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS 10 Fenchurch Street London EC3 Dealers: 071 956 7354 Admin: 071 956 6600				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	55.45	58.99	- 0.46	6.57
(Accum Units)	76.27	81.14	- 0.63	6.57
Gilt Yield	126.10	133.10	+ 0.10	6.77
(Accum Units)	363.70	384.00	+ 0.10	6.77
Global Income	221.60	235.70*	- 0.96	3.66
(Accum Units)	489.00	520.20	- 2.29	3.66
High Yield	141.60	150.60*	- 0.53	5.60
(Accum Units)	403.50	429.30*	- 1.49	5.60
Smllr Cos Div	52.08	55.40*	+ 0.09	3.56
(Accum Units)	65.08	69.23	+ 0.11	3.56
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	94.47	100.50	+ 0.74	...
(Accum Units)	97.76	104.00	+ 0.80	...
North American	77.47	82.41	+ 0.44	0.41
(Accum Units)	94.87	100.90	+ 0.50	0.41
European Special	84.23	89.61	- 0.02	1.39
(Accum Units)	88.36	94.00	- 0.03	1.39
European	140.50	149.50	+ 0.50	1.50
(Accum Units)	183.80	195.50	+ 0.60	1.50
General	272.60	290.00	+ 0.30	3.08
(Accum Units)	447.80	476.40	+ 0.50	3.08
Japan	400.30	425.90	- 3.10	...
(Accum Units)	404.80	430.60	- 3.20	...
Japanese Special	230.70	245.40	- 4.90	...
(Accum Units)	231.80	246.60	- 4.90	...
Master Accum	232.60	247.40	+ 0.20	0.87
Pacific	322.50	343.10*	- 0.30	0.43
(Accum Units)	378.20	402.30*	- 0.40	0.43
Smaller Cos	105.20	111.90	+ 0.10	1.51
(Accum Units)	142.10	151.20	+ 0.20	1.51
UK Equity Growth	39.01	41.50	- 0.10	1.69
(Accum Units)	72.61	77.24	- 0.20	1.69
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS 161 New Bond Street, London W1Y 9LA 071 629 1663				
High Income (Inc)	53.93	57.37	- 0.25	4.40
Global Growth PEP	57.54	61.21	+ 0.16	...
Inv Trust PEP	47.61	50.64	- 0.06	...
Higher Risk Invest	51.34	54.61	- 0.07	...
LAS UNIT TST MGRS LTD 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5152				
European	82.41	87.67	- 0.27	0.88
Extra Income	25.05	26.65	- 0.09	3.58
Far East	30.23	32.16	+ 0.03	0.26
Income & Gwth	75.49	80.31	- 0.17	2.89
Intl Growth	55.76	59.32	- 0.03	0.59
Japan	62.99	67.01	+ 0.05	...
Maximum Dist	100.30	102.30*	...	6.81
Nth Amer Equity	40.34	42.91*	+ 0.18	0.37
UK Equity	89.77	95.50*	- 0.21	2.67
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD Broadwalk Hse, 5 Appold St EC2A 2DA 071 588 2800				
Income	605.80	619.20	...	5.24
Intl & General	399.40	407.50	...	0.63
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT 1 White Hart Yard SE1 071 407 5966				
Inc & Growth Inc	55.54	59.09	+ 0.18	4.23
Smaller Cos	48.70	51.53	- 0.04	0.97
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD Laurentian Hse, Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 371 623				
Growth Trust	235.30	250.30*	+ 0.90	1.95
High Income	110.00	117.00	- 0.10	3.56
International	88.59	94.24	- 0.40	0.22
Recovery Trust	61.22	65.13*	+ 0.44	1.33
European Trust	73.65	78.35	- 0.20	1.07
Japanese Trust	42.06	44.74	- 0.03	...
American Trust	76.91	81.82	+ 1.18	...
Managed	62.77	66.78	+ 0.17	0.50
Cash	51.26	51.26	...	4.83
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD 21 Moorfields, London EC2P 2HT 071 374 0916				
UK Cap	336.30	341.40	- 0.40	2.87
UK Inc/Gth	371.00	376.60	- 0.60	3.37
UK Income	264.60	269.00*	- 0.30	3.80
UK Sm Cos	227.50	235.90	- 0.20	1.71
Euro Gwth	107.50	108.40*	- 1.20	0.35
N Amer Gwth	78.90	79.79*	+ 0.71	0.16
Jap & Pac Gth	77.67	78.73*	- 1.67	...
Money Mkt	116.36	116.36	...	2.430
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 395				
Equity Dist	451.20	480.00	+ 1.50	2.51
Equity Income	99.55	105.90	+ 0.30	3.54
UK Tactical Allocn	55.10	58.51	- 0.39	1.98
European	104.70	111.40	+ 0.10	1.01
Far East	218.90	232.90	+ 0.80	...
Fixed Interest	56.78	60.31	+ 0.08	6.43
Gilt	97.02	102.90*	...	5.99
Global Growth	74.30	79.04*	+ 0.23	0.01
Intl Bond	57.69	61.31	+ 0.17	4.35
Japanese	68.01	72.35*	- 0.43	...
North American	149.90	159.50	+ 0.70	0.30
Pacific Growth	117.50	125.00	+ 0.70	0.23
UK Index	59.60	62.90*	+ 0.24	2.97
UK Recovery	85.46	90.92*	+ 0.30	1.89
UK Smaller Cos	113.10	120.30	+ 0.10	0.91
US Index	59.97	63.29	+ 0.34	1.67
European Index	66.88	70.59	+ 0.10	1.66
Japan Index	39.81	42.02	+ 0.18	...
Worldwide	80.93	86.10*	+ 0.20	1.52
LINCOLN NATIONAL FD MGRS LTD 1 Olympic Way, Wembley HA9 0NB 081 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 621				
Growth	47.10	50.38	+ 0.13	3.31
Income	58.32	62.38	+ 0.18	3.82
Far East	54.29	58.06	+ 0.16	...
North American	94.99	102.10	+ 1.80	...
Global	95.56	102.20	+ 0.60	0.40
European	80.49	85.93	- 0.10	0.89
Japan	106.50	113.90*	+ 0.33	...
Intl Currency Bd	60.06	63.68*	...	5.98
SE Asia	118.40	126.60	+ 1.10	0.80
UK Capital Growth	85.30	91.23	+ 0.28	2.05
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD PO Box 63, Chatham, Kent ME4 4YB Helpdesk: 0634 834 339 Dealing: 0634 834 313				
Balanced	327.80	348.80*	- 1.20	2.74
Cash	502.70	502.70	+ 0.20	5.08
Contl Europe Gwth	56.29	59.26*	- 0.13	0.97
Extra Income	260.60	266.70*	- 0.90	3.88
German Growth	119.60	125.90	- 0.30	...
Growth Portfolio	513.50	546.30	- 0.70	0.20
Income	473.10	503.30*	- 1.60	3.61
Income Portfolio	508.40	540.90*	- 1.20	4.08
Japan Growth	95.54	101.70	+ 0.10	...
Master Trust	55.88	59.45	- 0.06	1.31
N Amer & Gen	194.00	206.40	+ 1.50	...
N Am Sm Co/Rec	145.80	155.20	+ 1.90	...
Pacific Basin	278.80	296.60	+ 0.40	0.43
Small Cos & Recy	317.90	334.70*	- 0.10	2.37
UK Equity Gwth	125.30	133.30	- 2.50	3.03
UK Equity Inc	109.40	116.40	- 2.00	4.30
UK Growth	80.64	85.79	- 0.29	2.29
Worldwide Gwth	308.03	327.70	+ 0.80	0.20
Premier Exempt	130.40	136.70	...	2.65
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282 673				
American	63.57	68.21	+ 0.43	0.30
General	81.86	87.83*	- 0.15	2.70
Income	65.74	70.54	- 0.21	5.10
International	60.96	65.40	+ 0.16	0.80
Japan	50.22	53.88	+ 0.15	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	64.42	69.12*	- 0.04	1.70
M & G SECURITIES M & G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg 0245 390 390				
Amer & General	406.80	430.20	+ 2.50	0.72
Amer Recovery	453.20	479.30*	+ 3.80	0.30
Amer Smllr Cos	127.90	135.30	+ 1.20	...
Australasian	151.20	159.90	+ 0.10	1.27
Capital	735.60	777.90	+ 0.10	2.25
Charifund	682.80	689.70*	+ 1.40	5.29
Commodity	322.30	340.80	+ 1.70	0.59
Compound Grth	853.90	903.00*	+ 2.70	2.63
Dividend	38.10	40.30*	+ 0.10	4.08
Equity Income	320.80	339.20	- 1.80	4.50
Euro & General	443.80	469.30	- 1.40	0.71
Euro Dividend	65.40	69.20	- 0.10	3.70
Extra Yield	405.90	429.20	+ 0.60	4.14
Far Eastern	360.50	381.20	- 1.90	0.39
Fund of Inv Tsts	581.60	615.00*	+ 0.10	1.87
General	58.50	61.90	+ 0.10	3.81
Gilt Income	66.97	67.08*	+ 0.03	7.04
Gold	64.60	68.30	+ 0.10	0.57
High Income	27.60	29.20	...	4.56
Intl Growth	75.10	79.40	+ 0.20	0.77
International Inc	99.90	105.60*	...	4.27
Japan & Gen	44.10	46.60*	...	...
Japan Smlr Cos	146.20	154.60*	- 1.40	...
Managed Income	27.10	28.50*	...	4.03
Midland	57.60	60.90*	...	3.07
Pension Ex	894.10	916.50*	+ 0.10	4.07
Recovery	38.70	40.90	- 0.10	2.50
Second General	67.70	71.60	- 0.10	3.42
Smaller Cos	64.50	68.20	- 0.10	2.91
Treasury	24.97	25.00	- 0.01	5.12
Trustee	40.40	42.70*	- 0.10	3.69
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD MGM House, Heene Rd, Worthing Dealing: 0277 261 818 Enq: 0903 204 631				
European Growth	71.16	75.70*	+ 0.24	0.50
High Income	288.10	306.40*	- 0.90	4.22
Intl Bond	68.57	72.08*	+ 0.03	4.49
Intl Equity Growth	65.12	69.27*	+ 0.35	0.56
N Amer Growth	96.66	102.82	+ 0.82	0.81
Special Sits Growth	20.26	21.55	+ 0.01	2.01
UK Growth	353.20	375.70*	- 1.30	2.66
MW INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD 46 Court St, Haddington, E Lothian 062 082 5867				
Joint Investors	1272.6	1300.3*	...	2.40
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD c/o Baillie Gifford 1 Rutland Ct EH3 8EY 031 222 4242				
Maldon General	135.80	139.70*	...	4.15
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD St George's Way, Stevenage Dealings: 0438 747 414				
Growth Units	180.00	192.50	- 0.60	2.32
Gilt & Fxd Int	187.60	197.40	+ 0.20	6.53
Intl Growth	203.30	217.60	+ 1.20	0.14
North American	178.40	190.90	+ 1.50	0.24
Far East	252.10	269.60	+ 1.40	0.39
UK Smaller Cos	149.10	159.50	...	1.78
European	71.15	76.30	- 0.05	0.12
Japanese Growth	42.23	44.95	+ 0.02	...
Managed Ptflio	65.57	70.16	- 0.22	1.43
High Income	185.10	198.00	- 0.40	4.14
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 498, Chester X CH99 9QG 0244 680 066				
M & S Inv Ptflio	146.80	156.80	+ 0.26	1.90
-do- Accum	164.30	175.70	+ 0.36	1.90
UK Sel Ptflio	122.60	131.10	+ 0.31	2.11
-do- Accum	138.60	148.20	+ 0.31	2.11
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 57 Victoria Square, Bolton BL1 1LA 0204 364 842				
Managed Tst	70.19	74.67	- 0.01	3.26
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Crt, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh 031 479 4646				
Intl Income	73.91	78.46	- 0.16	4.10
European	77.26	82.02	+ 0.15	0.68
Income & Growth	75.62	80.28*	+ 0.09	3.12
Nth American	60.50	64.23	- 0.06	0.07
Far East	155.90	165.50	+ 2.90	...
Charities	114.30	121.30*	- 0.40	4.01
Japan	52.66	55.90	+ 0.16	...
Emging Mkts	108.70	116.30	+ 1.90	0.15
Intl Growth	103.30	109.70*	- 0.10	0.17
UK Growth	80.08	85.01*	- 0.09	1.85
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St EC4R 9AS Dealing: 071 280 2860				
American	200.50	213.30	+ 1.20	...
American Opps	88.02	93.89*	+ 0.76	...
British Blue Chip	75.04	79.91*	- 0.21	3.15
Cash	100.50	100.50*	...	5.40
Emerging Mkts	117.20	126.00	+ 0.40	...
European Growth	219.00	232.40	- 0.80	0.69
European Income	80.91	85.66	- 0.52	2.85
General	483.80	516.10*	- 0.40	2.34
Govt Securities	101.30	104.40	- 0.10	6.81
Gold & General	169.20	181.90	+ 0.20	0.52
Global Bond	132.40	139.30*	+ 0.10	5.72
Income	147.90	157.50	- 0.70	4.33
International	419.20	447.10	+ 1.20	0.63
Japan	180.00	190.90	+ 0.50	...
Long-Dtd Stlg Bd	106.60	112.31	- 0.30	7.12
New Europe	157.50	167.40	- 0.10	1.55
Pacific	126.40	134.80	...	0.62
Portfolio	77.76	82.68*	- 0.02	2.74
Recovery	297.90	317.80*	- 0.80	3.82
UK Smaller Cos	53.98	57.58	- 0.13	1.89
Institutional Funds				
UK Equity	527.80	541.30	- 0.60	3.07
Amer Sm Cos Eqty	89.99	91.27*	+ 3.32	...
The World Tracker Funds				
Euro Eqty Bear (£)	8.9275	9.3168	-0.091	6.70
Euro Eqty Bll (£)	10.591	11.046	+0.081	6.70
Jap Eqty Bear (£)	11.072	11.554	+0.037	2.00
Jap Eqty Bull (£)	8.1772	8.5133	+0.030	2.00
UK Eqty Bear (£)	9.2130	9.5873	-0.113	4.80
UK Eqty Bull (£)	10.276	10.693	+0.110	4.80
UK Gilt Bear (£)	8.9655	9.3298	-0.003	4.80
UK Gilt Bull (£)	10.523	10.955	-0.001	4.80
US Equity Bear (£)	9.4267	9.8106	-0.002	1.90
US Equity Bull (£)	9.9151	10.316	+0.024	1.90
US Trsry Bear (£)	9.4425	9.8242	-0.018	1.90
US Trsry Bull (£)	9.9253	10.326	+0.011	1.90
US Curcy Bear (£)	9.7529	10.147	-0.032	4.80
US Curcy Bull (£)	9.7323	10.126	+0.035	4.80
Mercury Ster (£)	9.7411	10.150	+0.001	5.10
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	103.32	109.92	- 0.29	0.93
Intl Strategy	60.19	64.03	+ 0.19	0.71
UK Income Inc	75.31	80.12	- 0.10	6.07
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
International (US$)	11.93	12.69	- 0.17	...
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealers: 071 526 0526 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gwth	298.00	317.20	+ 3.60	...
European Gth Inc	334.50	357.20	- 0.10	...
Intl Gwth	183.40	196.00*	+ 0.30	...
UK Equity Inc	163.50	175.90*	- 0.50	3.84
UK Ind Trckr Inc	151.00	161.70	- 0.30	2.98
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	196.60	210.70	+ 1.10	1.37
Japan Tracker	73.77	77.51*	+ 0.46	...
Asian Trader	214.60	232.80*	+ 0.60	0.36
Managed Inc	140.90	151.50	...	1.70
Deposit Inc	100.03	100.03	...	4.70
Europa	147.70	158.20	- 1.60	...
Genesis	140.20	152.80*	- 0.30	...
High Income	23.69	25.39	+ 0.10	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G1 2PX 0345 090 933				
Acumen	91.60	93.66*	- 0.10	2.22
Acumen Inc	58.17	90.16*	- 0.09	2.22
Acumen Reserve	86.64	87.52*	...	6.98
-do- Inc	80.05	80.86*	...	6.98
American Income	172.20	176.60	+ 1.40	1.42
Cash Income	49.66	50.17	...	4.82
Equity Income	96.14	97.11	- 0.35	4.72
European	66.79	67.94	- 0.42	1.25
Smaller Cos	71.37	74.59*	- 0.19	1.10
Olympiad	61.76	63.61	- 0.04	0.11
Global Bond	48.94	49.47*	- 0.01	6.18
UK Growth	66.78	69.30	- 0.15	1.64
Pacific Growth	107.90	111.40	- 1.10	...
Japan Growth	42.53	44.27	+ 0.63	...
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Avon Equity	115.82	123.21	- 0.53	2.92
NM UNIT TRUST MGRS Enterprise Hse, Isambard Brunel Rd, Portsmouth Enq: 0705 882 695 Dlg: 0705 882 680				
NM Managed Portfolio Service				
Cap Gth Inc Inc	102.20	109.70	- 0.40	1.87
Open Cap Gth Inc	104.50	111.10	- 0.30	2.07
NM Unit Trusts				
American	44.75	47.73*	+ 0.27	1.15
Australian	312.40	335.10	+ 5.00	...
Conscience	66.24	70.69	+ 0.27	1.29
European	183.60	195.30	+ 0.30	0.80
Extra Income	76.46	81.60*	+ 0.12	5.44
Gilt & FI	61.53	65.25	- 0.10	5.84
Gold	51.78	55.67	- 0.16	...
Income	55.69	59.40	+ 0.13	4.76
Intnl	31.43	33.61*	+ 0.04	0.63
Jap Smaller Cos	322.20	343.60	- 1.30	...
Sing & Malaysian	245.40	263.10	- 2.00	...
Smaller Cos	27.04	29.07	+ 0.07	0.73
Special Sits	33.88	36.43*	+ 0.02	1.92
Sterling Deposit	100.60	100.60	...	4.75
Tokyo	79.24	84.52	- 0.19	...
UK Equity	166.90	178.00	+ 0.70	2.35
US Smaller Cos	110.00	117.60	- 1.00	...
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
UK Growth	71.06	75.60	- 0.01	2.49
UK Income	106.50	113.40*	+ 0.30	3.53
Gilt & Fixed Int	79.73	84.38	- 0.04	5.84
Higher Income	214.60	228.30	+ 0.20	4.47
Smaller Cos	77.67	82.63	- 0.12	1.46
International	94.10	100.11*	+ 0.11	1.82
NATIONAL PROV INV MGRS LTD 48 Gracechurch St EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
Americas Dist	106.80	114.20	+ 1.20	...
European Dist	93.21	99.69*	+ 0.54	...
Far East Dist	164.50	175.90	+ 0.50	...
Global Cure Dist	66.10	70.70	- 0.19	1.87
Oseas Dist	944.40	1010.0	- 5.00	0.20
UK Dist	328.30	351.10*	+ 1.40	2.40
UK Extra Inc Dist	73.22	78.31	- 0.10	3.78
Wwide Dist	95.62	102.26*	+ 0.47	...
Wwide Inc Dist	65.02	69.54*	+ 0.08	2.44
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Dlg: 0277 690 280 Admin Enq: 0277 690 308				
Europe Inc	54.54	57.56	+ 0.16	0.54
Fund of Funds Inc	54.46	57.48	+ 0.15	0.66
North America Inc	49.64	52.39	+ 0.34	0.53
UK Equity Grth Inc	54.95	57.99*	+ 0.20	1.93
UK General Inc	54.57	57.59*	+ 0.20	2.15
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	51.26	53.98*	- 0.03	6.34
UK Income Inc	56.05	59.16*	+ 0.19	2.74
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD 71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR Dealer: 0500 440 000 Private client: 0500 550 000 Broker: 0500 660 000				
Income	217.34	231.22*	+ 0.29	3.50
Global	325.18	345.94	+ 1.06	2.86
General	179.42	190.88	+ 0.78	1.50
Bond	136.94	145.40	- 0.03	7.30
Growth	115.33	122.70*	+ 0.22	1.72
Intrepid	108.33	112.85	...	1.70
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS PO Box 124, Surrey Street, Norwich 0603 682 234				
Master Trust	116.78	124.23	+ 0.28	1.51
UK Equity	133.63	142.16	+ 0.33	3.07
UK Equity Income	128.39	136.59*	+ 0.49	3.63
UK Smaller Cos	114.08	121.36	- 0.22	2.02
UK Equity Growth	122.62	130.66	+ 0.56	2.33
UK Index Trckg	133.20	141.70	- 0.17	3.39
Intl Index Trckg	138.81	147.67	+ 0.67	1.10
International	221.88	236.04*	+ 0.96	0.71
European	164.74	175.25	+ 0.55	0.48
Pan European	118.51	126.07*	+ 0.35	1.75
Nth American	161.06	171.34*	+ 1.11	0.60
N Amer Smllr Cos	174.33	185.46	+ 1.17	...
Japanese	87.56	93.15	+ 0.06	...
Pacific	227.20	241.70	+ 0.93	0.22
South East Asian	252.07	268.16*	+ 1.00	0.35
Intl Bond	137.48	146.26	+ 0.18	5.18
Gilt & Convertible	114.91	122.24	+ 0.11	7.14
Property	76.92	81.83	+ 0.03	6.59
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD Pearl Centre, Lynch Wd, Peterborough PE2 6FY Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 0733 470 470				
Equity	230.60	245.30	- 0.70	2.25
Growth	145.90	153.50	- 0.40	2.45
Income	234.30	249.20*	- 0.40	3.29
Intl Equity	235.80	250.80	- 0.10	0.68
UK Income	64.88	69.01	- 0.13	2.82
UK Intl 25	74.28	79.02	- 0.12	1.75
New Europe	66.60	70.84	- 0.25	0.82
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417 000				
Intl Gwth	548.99	586.73	+ 3.05	0.35
Income	322.23	344.64*	+ 1.05	3.09
Wwide Recovery	342.10	365.89	+ 0.26	0.31
Amer Growth Inc	224.70	240.33	+ 2.97	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	227.76	243.60	+ 0.72	0.01
Far Estn Grth Inc	256.50	274.34	- 2.90	0.09
Euro Gwth Inc	129.59	138.60	+ 1.25	0.59
UK Growth Inc	82.39	88.12	+ 0.31	2.58
High Income	90.66	96.97	+ 0.32	4.14
Jap Gwth Inc	203.02	216.03	+ 0.71	0.01
PEP Growth	111.24	118.98	+ 0.58	1.16
Asian Slr Mkts Inc	128.16	137.07	- 0.26	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	133.94	143.26*	+ 1.36	0.01
Global Bond	62.90	66.21	- 0.17	5.70
UK Smaller Cos Inc	72.06	77.07	+ 0.17	1.56
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 39 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6RQ Admin & dealing: Unit Trust Accounting & Mgmt Ltd, 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
American	101.36	107.83*	- 0.02	...
European	61.58	65.51	- 0.12	0.29
Global	62.16	66.13	- 0.25	...
Pacific	62.07	66.03*	- 0.48	0.06
UK Inc & Gth	61.02	64.91	- 0.12	2.10
POINTON YORK UT MGRS The Crescent, King St, Leicester LE1 6RX 0533 550 540				
BRI Director Digs	92.16	98.15	...	...
PORTFOLIO TRUST MGRS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Portfolio	151.09	154.17	...	0.69
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 37 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458 721				
Monthly Income	54.16	57.40	+ 0.15	2.72
Growth Income	54.37	57.63	- 0.07	1.48
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 16 South Park, Sevenoaks TN13 1AN 0732 740 700				
Principal Tst	127.84	136.00	+ 0.51	1.84
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook EC4N 8LD Enquiries: 071 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443				
American Income	99.77	106.10	+ 1.00	2.64
Conv & Gilt	116.00	123.40*	...	5.68
European Income	72.76	77.40*	...	2.55
Extra Income	149.00	158.50	+ 1.30	3.91
Far East	369.10	392.60	+ 0.40	0.41
Global Income	26.65	28.35	- 0.03	4.49
High Income	112.83	120.00*	- 0.20	3.67
International	197.50	210.10	- 0.30	0.64
Pref & Fxd Int	44.85	47.71*	- 0.01	6.88
Recovery	71.92	76.51	- 1.73	1.86
Special Sits	100.70	107.20	+ 0.10	1.51
Technology	323.60	344.30	- 1.90	...
UK Blue Chip	64.48	68.60	- 0.04	2.85
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone ME14 1XX 0622 674 751				
General	50.60	53.83	- 0.43	2.82
International	88.36	94.00	+ 0.74	0.74
Gilt	26.85	27.68*	+ 0.02	6.90
Income & Gwth	71.20	75.74*	+ 0.27	3.99
European	45.22	48.11	+ 0.27	1.33
American	54.58	58.06	+ 0.55	0.05
Emerging Mkts	90.50	96.28	+ 0.28	0.53
UK Smaller Cos	28.10	29.89	+ 0.11	1.75
Gilt/Fixed Interest	27.60	29.36	+ 0.07	5.13
Global PEP	37.97	40.39*	+ 0.22	1.81
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL FD MGRS LTD 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768 888				
European Inc	210.10	224.90	+ 0.50	0.83
Japan Inc	98.02	104.80*	+ 0.70	...
Nth American Inc	111.00	119.30	+ 0.80	0.12
Worldwide Inc	149.90	161.40	+ 0.40	0.75
Hong Kong Inc	156.40	168.50	+ 0.80	0.96
Swiss Equities Inc	61.06	65.32	+ 0.19	0.35
Wwide Bond Inc	65.44	69.48	...	6.34
Emging Asia Inc	191.30	207.80	- 0.10	0.41
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.13	51.15*	+ 0.01	5.36
Thailand Inc	131.40	142.20*	- 0.60	0.94
Gold Trust Inc	80.93	87.21	- 0.12	0.19
New Zealand Inc	82.12	88.16*	- 0.18	0.51
Int Mngd PEP Inc	60.67	65.49	+ 0.03	4.09
Latin Am Cmp Inc	77.01	82.50	- 0.02	0.03
UK All Sh Mtr Inc	55.94	60.19	+ 0.15	2.15
Le Fond Francais	66.56	71.53	- 0.17	0.39
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	73.87	79.01*	- 0.21	1.60
Global Portfolio	67.04	71.70	- 0.24	...
Global Opps	67.12	71.79	- 0.33	0.43
Marsh Global Grth	65.45	69.41	- 0.34	1.98
AAM Global Equity	59.47	63.27	- 0.09	0.74
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	83.07	90.09	- 0.20	0.97
CAM Brit Inc Inc	43.97	47.66	- 0.03	2.12
CAM Int Recvy Inc	45.31	49.21	+ 0.31	1.05
Temple Equity Inc	45.06	49.23	+ 0.32	3.26
Hartley Growth	72.15	76.75	+ 0.25	1.37
Intl Growth Inc	77.60	82.64*	...	1.56
IPS Portfolio Inc	81.25	86.91	- 0.36	0.24
St Jms Mn Inc Inc	50.29	53.12	- 0.59	...
Premier Perfms Inc	66.52	73.28	- 0.17	0.35
Roxborgh Strat Gth	70.84	75.77	- 0.09	0.79
Tech Analysis	99.13	105.10	- 0.30	0.67
Rosebery Growth	47.02	49.65	- 0.16	...
International Strat	71.97	76.97	- 0.39	...
UFC Ind-Acc Grth	52.31	56.13	- 0.13	...
Cwerdale Topour	50.43	54.10	- 0.21	...
Prem Equity Inc	95.03	101.30	+ 0.19	...
Lowes Intl Growth	47.08	49.56	+ 0.02	...
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 25-31 Moorgate, London EC2R 6BA 071 588 3963				
Equity Gth	155.00	164.90	+ 0.10	1.65
European Gth	86.71	91.81	+ 0.18	0.60
Income & Gth	127.90	136.10	+ 0.20	2.85
Japan Gth	111.10	117.60	+ 0.10	...
Nth Amer Gth	109.00	116.00	+ 0.60	...
Overseas Gth	81.59	86.80	+ 0.40	...
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51-59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377 Client Enq: 071 911 4490 Intermed dlg: 071 911 4314 Pricebank: 0426 925 091				
Managed Tst	34.13	36.50	+ 0.10	1.55
Cash Haven Inc	101.02	101.53	+ 0.01	4.76
Cash Haven Acc	107.15	107.65*	+ 0.01	4.76
Global Growth	84.65	90.74	+ 0.27	1.19
Equity Inc Inc	82.51	88.26*	+ 0.11	3.69
Equity	686.47	734.19*	+ 2.28	2.46
European	191.28	204.57*	+ 0.06	0.86
High Income	91.52	97.88	+ 0.05	3.72
Intl Grth	172.30	184.17	+ 0.76	1.16
Intl Sm Co	73.89	79.02	- 0.21	0.63
Japanese	185.18	198.05	- 1.39	...
Nth Amer	158.79	169.82	+ 1.08	0.82
Pacific Mkts	99.84	106.78	+ 0.72	0.86
Premier Inc	51.98	54.12	- 0.02	5.56
Sm Cos	83.91	89.74*	- 0.11	2.07
Spec Sits	103.30	110.48	+ 0.16	2.39
UK Growth	114.79	122.77	+ 0.41	2.14
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD Reliance House, Tunbridge Wells, Kent 0892 510 033				
British Life	296.40	314.40	- 0.40	3.09
Reliance Inc	163.30	173.60	+ 0.50	2.01
ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD Bolbum House, Regent Centre, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3NG 091 285 2855				
Managed	92.33	97.96	...	2.02
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT St Swithin's Lane, London EC4 Dealers: 071 280 5080				
FA America (Inc)	515.78	549.30	+ 4.43	0.60
FA America (Acc)	601.04	640.10	+ 5.17	0.60
FA UK Equity Inc	161.77	173.03*	- 0.48	3.38
FA Japan	256.05	272.63	- 2.13	...
FA Major UK Cos	95.84	102.42	- 0.39	2.16
FA Smllr UK Cos	277.71	296.98	- 0.11	1.09
FA European	277.49	293.70	- 1.30	0.78
FA Amer Smllr Cos	46.17	49.27	- 0.01	...
FA Asia	52.82	56.63	+ 0.25	...
FA Jap Smllr Cos	46.84	49.43	- 0.29	...
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	93.27	96.17	- 0.27	...
UK Smllr Cos	77.23	81.29	- 0.03	...
UK Income	93.03	97.92	- 0.27	...
America	102.76	108.16	+ 0.86	...
Japanese	56.02	58.96	- 0.46	...
European	87.87	92.49	- 0.41	...
Gilt	88.11	92.74	- 0.01	...
Deposit	78.60	82.73	+ 0.02	...
Managed	95.79	100.82	- 0.17	...
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	91.06	95.84	- 0.27	...
UK Smaller Cos	75.67	79.65	- 0.02	...
UK Income	91.02	95.80	- 0.27	...
America	100.34	105.61	+ 0.85	...
Japanese	54.70	57.57	- 0.45	...
European	85.81	90.32	- 0.40	...
Gilt	87.11	91.69	...	...
Deposit	75.24	79.20	+ 0.01	...
Managed	90.48	95.24	- 0.17	...
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD PO Box 34, Peterborough PE2 0UE Prices: 0733 282 828 Gen Enq: 0733 390 000 Dealing: 0733 393 000				
United States	69.45	74.26	+ 0.30	0.12
Pacific Basin	77.57	83.17	- 0.29	...
High Inc Dist	123.40	131.90	- 0.90	4.60
Ryl Life Int Cmty	61.45	65.38	+ 0.12	3.44
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	63.44	67.78	+ 0.15	0.35
Ryl Life Intl Spec	57.11	60.75	- 0.02	...
UK Emerging Cos	111.00	120.00	- 0.20	1.57
UK Index Trckg	159.20	165.40*	- 3.30	3.18
European	107.60	115.50*	...	0.31
Managed	134.60	144.70	- 0.10	0.89
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD Royal Ldn Hse, Colchester CO1 1RA 0206 764 400				
American Growth	145.50	154.00	+ 0.30	0.26
European Growth	97.01	102.60	- 0.50	0.75
Far East Growth	130.80	139.20	+ 1.20	0.37
Japan Growth	138.60	147.40*	- 2.70	...
Special Sits	183.40	195.10	- 0.60	1.37
UK Growth	71.03	75.56	- 0.15	1.90
Triton General	223.10	237.40*	- 0.70	0.70
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NS 041 307 6500				
Far East Inc	174.30	184.40	+ 1.20	0.17
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	299.10	316.50	+ 0.90	0.17
Growth Inc	116.30	123.10	+ 1.00	0.23
International Inc	304.50	322.20	+ 2.10	0.08
Nth Am & Intl Inc	311.90	330.10	+ 2.50	0.47
PEP Prog Inc	198.60	210.20	+ 0.20	1.93
UK High Inc Inc	133.40	141.20	+ 0.10	3.23
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD City Place Hse, 55 Basinghall St EC2V 5DJ 071 330 0572				
American Gwth	63.80	67.87*	+ 0.99	1.00
Amer Smllr Cos	77.80	82.76*	+ 1.16	...
Asian Gwth	110.23	117.26	+ 0.66	1.25
European Gwth	62.84	66.85	+ 0.22	1.50
Global Bd	61.75	65.23	+ 0.04	6.00
Global Eq	63.94	68.02	+ 0.13	0.50
Japanese Eq	56.18	59.77*	- 0.50	...
Japan Sm Cos	67.47	71.77	- 0.73	...
UK Gen	51.76	55.07	+ 0.01	3.00
UK Gwth	55.62	59.17	+ 0.05	2.50
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth	72.40	77.02*	+ 0.16	3.41
Amer Smllr Cos	104.70	111.40	+ 1.00	...
Asian Smaller Cos	56.75	60.37	- 0.11	...
Capital Portfolio	122.50	130.30	+ 0.90	1.85
Capital	155.90	165.90	+ 0.40	1.04
Cash	120.90	120.90	...	5.09
China Dragon	66.27	70.50	- 0.61	0.96
Commodity	123.00	130.90	...	0.60
Eastern Discovery	112.50	119.70	- 0.10	...
Energy Inds	118.20	125.70	- 0.70	0.31
European Gwth	171.70	182.70*	- 0.20	0.72
Euro Inc & Gwth	73.23	77.90	- 0.17	1.99
Euro Smllr Cos	46.83	49.82*	- 0.02	0.57
Financial Secs	187.50	199.50*	+ 1.00	1.17
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	53.45	56.44	- 0.02	7.52
Gold & Exploration	77.29	82.22	- 0.40	0.31
High Return	223.70	238.00	- 0.20	3.63
High Yield	217.10	231.00	- 0.20	3.78
Income	118.50	126.10	- 0.10	4.36
Intl Bond	175.50	185.50	- 0.30	5.13
ITU	197.80	210.40*	- 0.20	0.86
Japan Growth	151.80	161.50	+ 0.40	...
Japan Smaller	178.20	189.60	- 2.70	...
Korea	74.97	79.73*	- 0.87	...
Masterfund	51.36	54.64	- 0.04	0.83
Scotbits	285.60	303.80	+ 1.10	0.94
Scotshares	274.20	291.70*	- 0.30	1.82
Scotyields	234.20	249.20	...	3.78
Select Intl	139.70	148.60*	+ 0.30	0.56
Smaller Cos Inc	236.20	251.30	- 0.70	3.82
SE Asia	592.70	630.50	- 3.20	...
Special Situation	115.10	122.40	+ 0.10	0.63
UK Equity	236.60	251.70	...	2.78
UK Growth	61.37	65.29	...	1.55
UK Smlr Cos Gwth	42.77	45.50	- 0.10	1.18
US Growth	146.40	155.70	+ 0.80	0.06
Univ Growth	140.50	149.50*	+ 0.20	0.36
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St EC4V 4EJ Client: 0800 526 535 Broker: 0800 526 540 General Enquiries: 071 382 3800				
Retail Funds				
American	248.04	263.86*	+ 0.50	0.52
Australian	141.54	150.97	+ 1.56	1.30
European Gwth	66.43	70.77*	+ 0.44	0.88
Euro Smlr Cos	63.40	67.56	+ 0.10	0.25
Far Eastern Gth	89.49	95.45	+ 0.52	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	56.54	59.59	- 0.08	7.08
Global Bond	55.31	57.13	- 0.06	5.27
Global Emer Mkts	52.44	55.93	+ 0.60	...
Income	338.74	361.32	- 0.62	3.79
Japan Smllr Cos	456.54	486.97	- 3.90	...
Japan Enterprise	64.05	68.31*	- 0.06	...
Pacific Gwth	133.46	142.35	+ 0.60	0.35
Seoul	52.76	56.24*	- 0.36	...
Smaller Cos	202.36	215.85	- 0.34	0.62
Tokyo	108.18	115.39	- 0.37	...
UK Enterprise	226.34	241.42	- 0.45	2.23
UK Equity	227.10	242.23	+ 0.39	2.57
US Smllr Cos	146.33	156.08*	+ 0.55	...
World Fd	76.68	81.79	+ 0.21	1.87
Institutional Funds				
European	210.50	223.76	- 1.19	1.18
Euro Smlr Cos	26.03	27.69*	- 0.06	1.69
Global Equity Inc	71.31	75.86*	+ 0.23	0.72
Japan Smllr Cos	34.05	36.22	- 0.21	0.01
Mngd Balanced	176.69	187.96*	- 0.05	2.38
Overseas Equity	173.08	184.12	+ 0.12	0.77
Oseas Smllr Cos	114.64	121.95*	+ 0.18	0.34
Pacific	250.29	266.26*	+ 1.52	0.93
Recovery	1768.7	1881.6	+ 0.82	2.54
UK Index	144.99	154.24*	- 0.57	3.09
UK Small Cos	108.71	115.64	- 0.07	3.59
US Smllr Cos	42.13	44.81	+ 0.20	0.05
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2208				
Equity Income	48.92	52.10	- 0.08	3.25
Equity Trust	56.54	60.22	- 0.04	3.05
Equity Strategy	65.09	69.32	- 0.15	0.69
European Opps	77.44	82.47	- 0.37	0.55
UK Smaller Cos	58.87	62.70	+ 0.01	1.29
Maximum Income	99.09	101.64	...	5.45
Japanese	68.22	72.65	+ 0.37	...
Asia Pacific	125.71	133.88	+ 0.64	1.40
American	106.00	112.89	+ 0.85	0.26
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD 28 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 0800 454 422				
Cash	29.68	29.68	...	4.863
UK General Inc	50.06	53.39	- 0.19	2.57
Intl Income	262.50	279.80*	+ 1.50	3.00
European	68.14	72.16	- 0.09	1.45
Japan	63.71	67.85*	+ 0.40	0.12
American	67.00	71.23	+ 0.38	1.57
Far East	89.18	95.12	- 0.30	0.34
Ethical Inc	28.91	30.92	- 0.09	2.02
UK Blue Chip Inc	31.70	33.90	- 0.18	2.87
High Inc Inc	35.58	37.96*	- 0.08	3.74
UK Global Inc	37.26	39.79	- 0.01	1.44
Wwide Tact	71.07	76.01	- 0.11	0.81
Europe 2000 Tact	45.93	48.78	- 0.03	0.97
Technology	93.47	99.68	+ 0.40	0.68
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	361.00	385.60	+ 1.10	2.72
American	266.30	281.90	+ 0.80	0.75
Pacific	380.00	406.40	+ 2.40	0.55
European	494.50	528.90	- 0.10	0.94
Worldwide	88.88	95.06	+ 0.23	0.80
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	262.60	279.40	- 0.90	2.45
UK Str Co Eq Inc	187.70	199.70	+ 0.10	1.53
Select Opptnty Inc	63.80	68.24	+ 0.02	3.05
Income Plus Inc	69.85	74.31*	- 0.27	3.60
European Inc	317.20	337.50	- 2.20	1.45
Far Eastern Inc	169.50	180.40	+ 1.10	1.30
Japanese Inc	60.42	64.25	+ 0.19	...
Nth American Inc	244.90	260.60	+ 1.30	0.46
Intl Growth Inc	197.80	210.50	...	0.62
Wwide Venture Inc	78.39	83.40*	- 0.20	0.99
SCOTTISH PROV INV MGMT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2340				
Equity Growth Inc	22.89	24.50	- 0.06	2.91
Intl Growth Inc	30.19	32.31	+ 0.03	0.70
Market Leaders Inc	22.40	23.98	- 0.06	2.82
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 668 3726				
Equity Inc	355.20	378.60	- 1.10	3.03
UK High Inc	184.90	197.20	- 0.40	3.83
Europe Inc	303.70	323.00	- 1.80	1.06
Nth Amer Inc	209.70	223.60	+ 2.10	0.00
Global Inc	195.60	208.60	+ 0.10	1.09
UK Spec Sits Inc	99.31	105.90	- 0.30	3.20
South East Asia	211.60	225.60	+ 1.51	0.38
Cash Trust Inc	102.30	102.30	...	4.97
UK Smllr Cos Inc	99.38	106.00	- 0.30	1.91
Intl Bond Inc	98.70	104.80	- 0.10	5.84
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	154.00	161.80	+ 0.80	4.12
SHARP (ALBERT E) & CO 5 Rayleigh Rd Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
European	117.30	123.50	- 0.30	1.53
Nth American	104.00	109.50	- 0.70	0.46
Intl Bond & Conv	131.70	138.60*	...	4.99
Pooled Pension (£)	178.20	190.60	...	...
Smaller Cos	65.16	68.59*	+ 0.05	2.19
UK General	124.00	130.50*	- 0.50	3.22
SHEPPARDS UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Income	418.15	444.84	+ 1.64	4.15
Global Inc	66.31	70.54	+ 0.58	2.66
Brit Leaders	323.50	344.15	+ 1.50	2.34
Intl Leaders	207.83	221.10	+ 1.43	0.61
PAM Mg Bal Grth	61.11	63.49	- 0.21	1.01
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New St, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226				
European †	108.50	...	+ 1.10	...
Global Bond ‡	104.00	...	- 0.10	7.20
Samurai ‡	62.97	...	- 0.55	...
UK Growth ‡	104.80	...	+ 0.10	3.81
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Cash	100.80	100.80	- 0.01	5.21
European	122.30	129.30	- 0.10	0.68
Far Eastern	164.70	174.30	- 1.10	...
Growth	137.60	145.50	- 0.20	1.44
Income	127.70	135.10	- 0.50	4.46
Magnum	135.20	145.10	- 0.30	1.36
Smllr Secs	346.10	366.20	+ 0.20	0.37
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Contld Prfmnce	59.37	63.33	+ 0.04	7.50
Ethical	55.21	58.73	- 0.03	3.40
European Growth	66.21	70.62	+ 0.23	2.40
Income	55.78	59.49*	+ 0.06	5.30
Intl Growth	90.12	96.12	+ 0.51	2.60
Managed	76.53	81.63	+ 0.35	3.30
UK Growth	60.11	64.12	+ 0.15	3.80
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-do- High Inc Acc	45.34	48.18	...	3.38
UK Equity Gen Acc	58.47	62.13	- 0.10	2.14
UK Equity Gen Inc	44.07	46.83	...	2.14
UK Lrgr Co Acc	398.70	432.60	- 0.40	3.63
UK Lrgr Co Inc	302.50	328.30	- 0.20	3.63
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	33.36	35.28*	+ 0.10	5.60
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	293.50	318.50	- 1.90	1.33
Nth American Acc	44.92	47.73	+ 0.10	0.60
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US Eqts (US$)	2.253	2.393	...	0.67
Far East Eqts (yen)	230.40	244.80	...	...
Japan Eqties (yen)	238.00	252.80	...	...
FT Europe	119.83	127.20	...	1.63
FT N Amer (US$)	1.752	1.857	...	0.74
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Mngd Extra Inc Inc	32.44	34.70*	+ 0.05	3.49
Mngd High Yld Inc Inc	79.44	84.96*	+ 0.25	3.66
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	74.00	79.14*	+ 0.31	2.74
Mngd Wwide Gth	34.88	37.30*	- 0.10	...
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SWISS LIFE UNIT TST MAN CO LTD 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
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Extra Income	197.29	209.89	- 0.21	3.98
Smaller Cos	67.72	72.04	- 0.03	1.22
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Japan Tst	83.58	89.12	+ 0.04	...
Little Dragons	103.55	110.45	- 0.39	0.42
Oriental Income	47.50	50.66	+ 0.18	8.04
Tiger	280.72	299.43	- 1.22	0.53
UK Blue Chip	63.01	67.26	+ 0.13	2.94
UK Smllr Cos	91.11	97.44	- 0.12	2.07
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Exempt	521.74	546.38*	+ 1.04	4.01
Far Eastern	435.79	463.61	+ 2.40	0.94
High Yield	104.06	110.70*	+ 0.07	3.98
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US Govt Bd (US$)	0.7217	0.7310*	...	...
Gilt Income	55.16	57.40	- 0.08	6.75
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INFOTECH

New digital systems mean that the days of eavesdropping on mobile phone conversations should be over, **Barry Fox** reports

Cryptic codes see off snoopers

The future for mobile phones is digital. But will it be for better or worse? When taped conversations said to be of royal phone calls were published, finally exposing a weakness in the system that electronics buffs had long known about, Cellnet and Vodafone advised callers to remember that conversations were not secure. Anyone with a £200 radio scanner can tune to the frequency band used by today's analogue phone networks and eavesdrop on calls.

Now the rules of the game are changing. The new types of digital mobile phone network offer total privacy. But in the future, this trend could be regretted, as the new technology could make it more difficult to fight crime and terrorism.

The latest mobile phone networks transmit speech as digital code. This, alone, is no defence against eavesdropping. Anyone with a matching decoder can listen in. It would take manufacturers of scanners only a few months to start building in decoders. But the new mobile phones are secure because they scramble the digital code using computer technology, a feature being used to promote sales.

The digital mobile phone system adopted by Britain follows the GSM standard set in the 1980s for a pan-European service. It was conceived as a way of letting business people use their phones anywhere in Europe, and be billed back at home. Vodafone is ahead of Cellnet, with its two-tier Eurodigital and Metrodigital services. But Cellnet will soon follow.

But GSM's encryption system is so secure that it does far more than prevent casual eavesdropping. It stops police and security services from monitoring mobile calls, making crime enforcement much harder.

The original GSM standard defined an encryption system called A5. This is similar in computer complexity to the encryption system (DES), developed in America for use with computers. The A5 system continually changes its form, hundreds of times per second. Once text and data has been encrypted with DES, it can only be read by someone with the correct key code.

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The American government regards DES as so important to national security that it must be stripped from any commercially available computer software before being exported.

When countries from the former Eastern bloc and from the Middle East approached the manufacturers of GSM equipment, asking to buy network controllers and handsets, the manufacturers found themselves dealing with Britain's trade department because the chairman of the GSM security group, the "gatekeeper" as he is known, works for BT. All sales of equipment with encryption, made in Britain or abroad, have to be cleared by the gatekeeper. He cannot, however, authorise any sales without the approval of his government. So it falls on Britain to license the export, from any country, of the technology of GSM and PCN (another system).

GSM exports are generally permitted to countries approved by CoCom — the Paris-based Co-ordinating Committee for Multilateral Export Control — although each case is judged on its merits. Sales to countries proscribed by CoCom — for example, Iran, Iraq, Libya, North Korea, Syria and former Communist states — are banned.

America can have GSM and PCN but prefers something with much weaker encryption. The situation for exporters will be further confused at the end of March, when CoCom is due to be disbanded. The scope of a replacement organisation is to be decided in January.



'Hello, who's listening?' A5/1 encryption on digital phones makes calls impossible to intercept, by even the security services

At present, the European Telecommunications Standards Institute, is finalising the standard for A5/2, a less powerful version of what is now known as A5/1. This code will prevent casual eavesdropping, but will be crackable by security services.

Future GSM or PCN handsets will work in one of three ways. They will either transmit clear speech, without any encryption, or will protect speech with either A5/1 or A5/2 encryption.

The network equipment will decide what level of encryption is to be used. The same handsets will work within any country. Licences for the sale of network equipment to proscribed countries will have to specify either no encryption or A5/2.

The virtually uncrackable A5/1 system is, however, already a standard for all European and other "friendly" nations. There is no turning back. So anyone in Europe who wants to keep their mobile phone calls private, even from the police and security services, need only subscribe to a digital GSM or PCN service.

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Laser printers can now be turned into high-quality colour fax machines

Changing fax of office life

After battling throughout the 1970s and early 1980s to replace the telex machine, the fax machine itself is now under attack from competing, yet complementary, computer technology. It comes in the form of computers and computer laser printers that can send and receive fax messages.

This is becoming such a popular alternative that a recent survey by BIS Strategic Decisions estimated that more than five billion pages were sent by computer-based faxing in America last year, and that the figure will grow to 50 billion by 1996.

Adobe Systems, a California-based software company, is trying to hurry this move along at an even faster pace. Adobe created the Postscript page-description language which allowed personal computers to "talk" to laser printers, shepherding in the era of desktop publishing. Now, the company is pioneering a new Postscript fax protocol that can turn a laser printer into an advanced fax machine.

Unlike fax modems, multi-function printers with fax capabilities can automatically print received faxes, do not require one of a company's PCs to remain switched on and linked to a telephone, and can be shared over a network.

The main potential of the laser printer/fax combination, however, lies in the quality of the output. Because the system relies on sending Postscript information — not just an image — over the phone line from the laser printer, the faxes are of the same high quality as any Postscript-generated document from a laser printer.

This sort of "remote printing" could be a boon to many corporate users frustrated by the limitations of their fax machines.

Adobe hopes to convince producers of colour printers to put the protocol on their systems so that faxes can be sent in colour, without having to wait for a standards body to agree on the technology.

But Adobe is not the only company involved in multi-function printer development. Compaq and NEC have both developed printers based on the protocol and more than 100 other manufacturers are involved in research.

One issue they may all be looking at, however, is whether users really want this extra function on their printers. Not only will it inevitably add to the cost — at least in the short term — but it will undoubtedly put greater demand on a breed of office equipment that is already quite taxed in the modern office.

As anyone who has ever shared a laser printer over a network will know, it can already take far too long for a print-out to arrive — never mind the printer now suddenly also having to take on the heavy duties of the office fax machine.

It is only when fax functions on printers offer a price premium over standard fax systems that they are likely to succeed in a big way.

GEOF WHEELWRIGHT

Music box offers key to jobs

Students at the Royal Academy of Music are being taught how to market themselves

On almost any given night in London, a quarter of the professional orchestras will be made up of former students of the Royal Academy of Music.

Although the professional world of music expects a high degree of excellence from the academy's graduates, competition for commercial posts is so intense that the academy has decided to give its students a helping hand by teaching them how to market themselves.

Using computers donated by Digital Equipment, students are being given the chance to have hands-on experience of writing business letters and to learn the importance of professional presentation.

The academy's "Music Box" project offers marketing and presentation services to current students and to former students as they search for work within the music profession.

"Many musicians are not very worldly," says Peter Shellard, the academy's development director. "We're trying to help by getting them to understand what they have to do to get work. If we don't help, nobody else will."

The project is estimated to have helped about 200 students get jobs. Although marketing skills are not taught as a formal part of the curriculum, students pick up tips very quickly.

"The students can't believe how simple it is," says Mr Shellard. "The technology is such that students will soon be able to work at home, building up their own mailing lists of contacts and creating their own presentations.

The academy is often judged by its success in training people for employment. However, until it started to research how its students obtained work, it had no true way of measuring its performance.

"To justify the grants being given to us, we had to tell the government what happened to students at the end of their course," says Mr Shellard.

The project aims to help students gather *the necessary information, to produce* anything from leaflets, CVs, biographical notes and advertisements to promotional and programme notes for concerts and recitals. It also tries to encourage an awareness of good visual presentation and to help students to think thematically when offering concert programmes to music clubs. But perhaps more importantly, it teaches students the need to market themselves in a world where *music agents are almost non-existent.*

"It's really a do-it-yourself service for the young musician," says Janet Snowman, the academy's development manager who runs the project.

A database now holds details of some 3,000 musicians who have graduated since 1945. It also contains an invaluable contacts list including music clubs, art centres and other places where, potentially, work may be obtained.

ALAN WELLER



Peter Shellard: helping students to become more worldly and find work

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When will television go to the wall?

High-definition television exists. The struggle now is to package it in a slim set at an affordable price.

George Cole views the future

Some technologies always seem to be just around the corner: the car that runs for 100 miles on a gallon of petrol, the light bulb that lasts a lifetime — and the flat-screen television set that can be hung on the wall like a picture.

The electronics industry has dreamt wistfully about such a device for a long time. Although the high-quality, flat-screen television is still some years away, the Japanese companies Panasonic and Canon have recently launched monitors which are much slimmer than conventional sets.

The depth of the cathode-ray tube on an ordinary 14in set is 13½in. Panasonic's 14in flat-screen television, just 4in deep, is claimed to offer picture quality as good as that of conventional sets. It uses a technology called Flat Vision, which works by dividing a flat panel into 10,000 "mini-screens" and using a separate electron source for each unit.

Panasonic says it plans to develop wall-hanging sets, but these will not be within the price range of most people for some time. Even a current Flat Vision TV set costs about £2,000.

Most television displays use a cathode-ray tube which fires a beam of electrons onto a phosphor-coated screen. The tube is cheap to manufacture and gives sharp, bright, clear pictures with a wide viewing angle. But it is large, heavy and power-hungry and there is concern about the potential hazards of electromagnetic emissions.

What is providing a vital push to flat-screen research is that the consumer electronics industry wants to sell high-definition televisions (HDTV) with a picture clarity that far outstrips today's systems.

But for viewers to enjoy the cinema-like quality of this system, screens will have to be large and because cathode-ray sets are almost as deep as they are wide, they will be too bulky for most living-rooms.

The computer industry is also pushing for better flat-screen displays. It uses them in portable notebook computers, palm-top devices and a new generation of electronic notepads.

Most of today's flat-screen systems use liquid-crystal displays made by sandwiching a thin layer of liquid crystals between two glass plates to form a cell.

When a voltage is applied to the cell, the liquid crystals change their orientation and allow light to pass through. These displays are made by arranging the cells into rows which correspond to the pixels or picture points on a television screen.

They are small, light, thin and use little power, but they are expensive and account for more than a third of the price of a portable computer.

Their picture quality is not as good as that from a cathode-ray tube because the viewing angle is much narrower.

There are serious problems in making them much larger than a 14in television; the slightest manufacturing defect or imperfection means that the whole display unit has to be junked. It is estimated that 40 per cent of liquid-crystal displays have to be discarded during production.

Though the Japanese electronics company Sharp has developed a 14in screen, its high cost has prevented the company from launching it as a mass-market product.

Some companies are turning to another type of LCD technology, known as ferro-electric liquid-crystal displays. As the name suggests, these are like conventional liquid-crystal displays, but they have several new properties.

One of these is a very high switching speed, which means that the liquid crystals can change their orientation in micro-seconds, compared to milliseconds for conventional liquid crystal. And they can display fast-moving objects without smearing.

They also have wide viewing angles and can produce large displays more easily. Canon has demonstrated a 24in version but it is too expensive and the picture quality is not yet good enough for broadcast pictures.

Some believe that the easiest way to produce flat-screen images is to use a video projector which displays images on a wall or screen.

Several companies market liquid-crystal-display projectors, which are small enough to sit on a coffee table. But their picture quality is not as good as ordinary television sets and the cheapest projectors cost about £1,800.

JVC of Japan and Hughes Aircraft of America have developed an image light amplifier projector, which they say can give HDTV-quality pictures, even in brightly lit rooms, and the American company Texas Instruments recently demonstrated the Digital Micromirror Device, a digital video projector.

This consists of a microchip covered by an array of tiny mirrors. A positive electrical pulse causes the mirrors to move in one direction and reflect light on to the projector lens; a negative pulse causes them to block the light.

These can produce sharp, bright pictures, even in well-lit rooms and the projectors have a long working life. Texas Instruments argues that the falling cost of the microchip technology will cause prices to drop sharply.

But despite the intensive research there are some who believe that the cathode-ray tube be will around for a long time yet.

Dr Alan Knapp of Philips Research Laboratories, says: "If bulk or weight don't matter, you can't beat it for cost or quality. I do not think we will ever see it completely replaced by another technology — it is such a good display system."

Numerous electronics companies around the world are hoping to prove him wrong.



The flat-screen look from Sharp, left, and Panasonic, results in sets that are slim compared with traditional television sets. Now manufacturers are trying to marry such systems with high definition TV and to bring down the retail cost



Ghostbusters arrest PC bugs

Disc-fix software for PC users is becoming big business

A new yuppie nightmare was embodied in the film *Ghostbusters*: the order of modern metropolitan existence terminally disrupted through the unpredictable interventions of malicious, unfathomable entities.

In reality, the ghost in the machine of modern life has arrived, courtesy of the personal computer: PCs crash, and now that they run at twice the speed of last year's models it happens faster than ever.

Simplicity, ease of use and a Windows look are the rage among software designers. But behind this apparently uncomplicated surface lies a welter of applications and systems that are more intricate and more prone to bugs, quirks and tantrums than the machines of yesterday.

Systems are more intricate and prone to quirks

The computer industry takes a simple attitude to computer crashes. If they are caused by a major mistake that is bound to become public knowledge, manufacturers rapidly launch another version, bundle in a few extra features and fix the error.

If the bug is obscure and likely to be noticed by only a few users, they fix it, keep quiet and hand out the corrected version to those who encounter the problem.

An early release of Microsoft's top-selling Word for Windows 4 word processing had a bug that, on occasion, let the user write a long document — then flatly refused to save it, on the erroneous ground that the PC had insufficient memory.

Apple has also quietly released a "system update" to its operating system that, in the company's words, "improves overall system reliability".

More common are obscure incompatibilities between applications which behave perfectly well apart but clash destructively when they have to work together.

Even more common are simple "disc errors". The PC makes a tiny electronic *faux pas* on the surface of its electronic storage medium, then sits back to let it grow.

Sometimes these blips are caused by the user doing something wrong, such as turning off the machine without closing down Windows. Sometimes they stem from chance. So when it happens, who are you going to call?

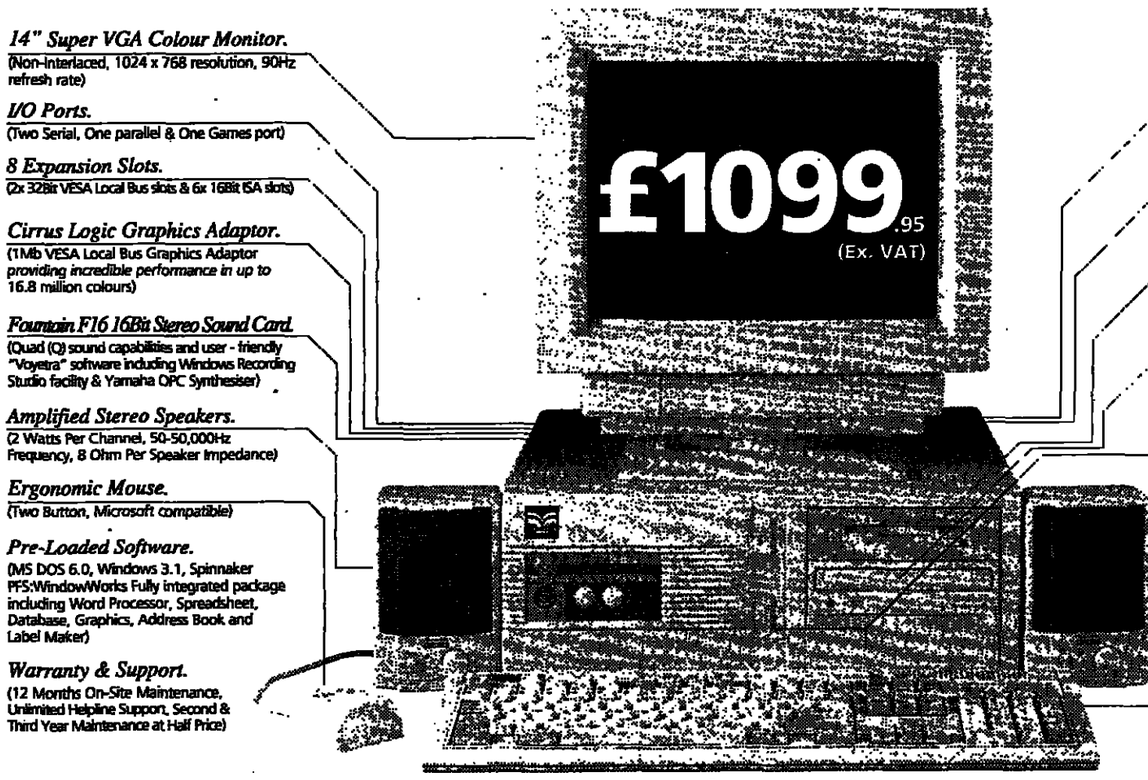
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IT executives are demotivated as recession and management changes have eroded their promotion opportunities, writes **David Guest**

Staff sad to shed tiers

Are you bored, demotivated, frustrated by the lack of opportunities for promotion? Be patient. It may get worse before it gets better.

Two factors are combining to curtailing promotion prospects for information technology specialists. One is the simple lack of movement within the profession, as the level of employment contracts. The other is the tendency of companies to reduce promotion opportunities as they impose management structures which they think are most likely to see them return to prosperity.

At the Institute of Personnel Management's annual conference last month, Sir Anthony Cleaver, the chairman of IBM UK, spelt out the problem. The management structures which are becoming popular have inevitable, if unpredictable, consequences for motivation.

These structures involve fewer levels of management. For instance, at IBM UK, the number of management tiers has been reduced from seven to four.

"It may be motivating for the salesman to be told that there are now only three levels between him and me," Sir Anthony said, "but while it may be true that the intervening levels of the past added insufficient value to the organisation, they undoubtedly provided great motivation in the intermediate stages of an employee's career."

IBM is known for the loyalty it commands among its employees. Sir Anthony said: "A four-tier management structure means a maximum of one promotion every ten years, and even that is for the one man who makes it to the top. I wonder whether we really know how to handle this?" Sir Anthony drew heavily on his experience at IBM UK, where he was chief executive from 1986-91, adding: "Recent studies have shown that nine out of ten of the larger organisations in this country have removed at least one layer from their management structure in the past four or five years." In other words, opportunities for genuine promotions are in decline across a wide front.

> 'Small is beautiful, but large proves to be necessary'

It is IT that has helped to make this possible. Steve Shirley, the president of FI Group, the software consultancy, and a pioneer of flexible working, says: "A few years ago we thought small was going to be beautiful. It seemed as if the elephants weren't going to learn to dance and the only way to keep close to your market was to keep small, keep lean and reduce costs and keep moving quickly.

"Small is certainly beautiful, but large generally proves to be necessary. Then along came IT and corporations realised that their hierarchies could become dramatically compressed and also maintain a much increased span of control."

Information technology workers are commonly assumed to be motivated by the technology they use. Getting as much as possible out of the machine is their equivalent of the test pilot's "expanding the envelope".

Most IT professionals, however, respond to the same kind of stimuli as any other white-collar worker. Promotion and salary increases are of great motivational importance.

In the area of software development, it is possible to list at least a dozen job titles, from trainee programmer upwards, that you might expect to find in a company, and yet still come some way short of the posts of information technology manager or information systems manager. And that office itself may be some way off the top of the company tree.

Some part of the proliferation of titles is a relic of earlier recessions, when "promotion" to a new job title became a way of side-stepping pay restrictions. This kind of tactic, too, is unlikely to be much used — it sits uneasily within the picture of simplified management structures running teams of professionals differentiated more by their discipline and talent than by job title.

Denise Him, the manager of the professional development scheme for the British Computer Society, says: "It is something we are seeing more and more, the flat management structures and the reduction in promotion opportunities. There are fewer people in work in the industry and fewer people leave their jobs. So the chances to move up diminish. Concerned employers recognise the demoralising effect this can have and they are looking for something to put in its place."

IBM UK's response has illustrated another problem of demotivation for IT staff: there are no more jobs for life. Since 1989, IBM UK has reduced its head-count from 18,500 to 12,000, by a combination of voluntary redundancy and by releasing parts of its business as separate entities.

It has also changed the terms under which it recruits graduates — it now offers fixed-term rather than full employment contracts.

For the remaining staff, the nature of many jobs have changed. Ten years ago, 80 per cent of IBM UK's turnover came from hardware; now the figure is 51 per cent. One-quarter of its workforce earn fees for professional services — five years ago that applied to only 2 per cent.

For senior IT management staff, the answer for their careers must be to look beyond IT and consider the business functions it supports. That would conform to the idea of flat management hierarchies and it would also help to establish IT as a core activity within companies, an idea that is being undermined by the trend towards outsourcing IT. The career log-jam may be demotivating, but the possibility of being contracted out is more excitement than most IT professionals would want.

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Paul-Patrick Charbonneau (Lieutenant), Jules Philip (Coriolanus) and Gerald Gagnon (Aufidius) in a scene from Robert Lepage's production of *Coriolan* in Nottingham

Power play through a peephole

Robert Lepage's latest production is a provocative and compelling reinterpretation of Shakespeare. Review by **Benedict Nightingale**

Coriolan
Nottingham Playhouse

In 1963 Nottingham Playhouse came into being with a production of *Coriolanus* by Tyrone Guthrie. Now, here it is 30 years later, celebrating its birthday with a revival of the same play that would have raised even that great innovator's eyebrows a yard or so. You might suppose that the reason for astonishment is that it is acted in the heavily accented French of Quebec. But that's the least of it.

We are only moments into the evening before the serious oddities begin. Jacques Languirand's elegant Menenius appears in the studio of a radio station and, cans over his ears, proceeds to deliver his famous parable about the rebellion of the rest of the body against the stomach. An ancient Roman street has become a contemporary phone-in, with the first and second citizens converted into the off-stage voices of, presumably, Marcus of Pisa and Antonius of Florence.

Who is the director responsible? Our own Michael Bogdanov? A good guess: but even he has never trimmed and modernised a Shakespeare play as systematically as is the case here. No, the answer is Robert Lepage, the young French-Canadian who somehow convinced us last year that it was helpful to stage *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in a vast mudhole. The version of *Coriolanus* his Théâtre Repère has brought to Nottingham from Paris via Montreal is not as imaginatively bold as that, but it is a near-run thing.

Throughout, he shrinks the stage to what might be a very large letterbox or very small Cinemascope screen, a slit of roughly 5ft by 15ft cut into the proscenium. This becomes many things, a bedroom in which Gerald Gagnon's Aufidius disports with a male lover; a bar where disconsolate tribunes switch channels on a TV, only to find crowds cheering Jules Philip's Coriolanus on all of them; back-rooms in which factions do deals over the phone; a television studio, with the hero trying to stay polite in the face of impertinent audience questions, only to crack in the commercial breaks.

It hardly needs saying that some settings work better than others. When Volumnia, Virgilia and Valeria (who doubles as a sexy radio producer) are seen sewing away in their negligees, they resemble tarts in a window in Amsterdam. A tussle between puppets dressed as soldiers hardly does justice to the battle of Corioli. And shrinking both senators and plebeians to, at best, off-stage voices inevitably bleeds the play of conflict, danger and a sense of public ado and political excitement.

Yet you can see why Lepage sacrificed the epic for the intimate. We are looking through a peephole at a Rome that has been updated but not altogether distorted. It is a place where what counts is PR and effective self-presentation; an inside world of spoilt celebrities, narcissistic luminaries, and fixers with agendas; our own world and to a fair extent that of *Coriolanus* too.

Nor is the stage's lack of height — which means that someone's head and someone's legs can be seen, but never both at once — the gimmick it seems. With the help of a floor invisibly sunken in places, Lepage uses this to expose the fluctuating power-plays on show. When Anne-Marie Cadieux's Volumnia is unsuccessfully begging her son not to punish the Rome that has banished him, we see her kneeling figure and Coriolanus, impersonal in his uniform, up to the shoulders only. When she prevails, the situation is reversed, and a hand descends from a long black dress contemptuously to rumple his hair as he droops before her.

The weaknesses are predictable. One is visual show for its own sake, as in a bloody, sweaty, all-naked punch-up, seen reflected in a mirror, between Aufidius and Coriolanus. More seriously, the actors do not and maybe cannot explore character in any depth. Philip's hero manages to be fastidious, supercilious, and a bit forlorn in exile, nothing much more. And though he gives one tribune a kicking that lands him in a neck brace and a surgical corset, he lacks power and menace.

It is left to Cadieux to provide class. Her Volumnia is outrageous, a glamorous granny in a beehive hairdo who incestuously licks her son's face after he triumphs and causes havoc in a restaurant (hugely upsetting the maitre d') when he is banished. But her baleful yells and arrogant smirks are tremendous — and she is, I suspect, terrorising the Via Veneto to this day.

TELEVISION REVIEW

Boundaries drawn in blood

Michael Ignatieff is not just the thinking woman's dreamboat. As a Canadian descendant of Russian aristocrats, resident in Britain for most of the last 20 years, his own identity is sufficiently exotic to make him the obvious presenter for a series on the revival of nationalism, **Blood and Belonging** (BBC2). The title is an obvious allusion to the Nazi slogan *Blut und Boden* (blood and soil) and last night's programme was devoted to Germany.

The film was slow-moving at first, with too many moody trains and trams, too many shots of Ignatieff trundling his suitcase through stations and airports, too much library footage of roaring crowds. The latter, moreover, tended to blur distinctions between Nazi or Communist parades and the anti-Communist demonstrators of October 1989. But once Ignatieff got down to interviewing a few carefully selected Germans, the result was compulsive viewing.

Leo and the Leech, two young working class East Germans whose ideology apparently owed as much to schnapps as to any detailed knowledge of National Socialism, revealed an ugly xenophobia which, though doubtless intended to offend Ignatieff's liberal sensibilities, was nonetheless strongly held. More respectable but also more sinister was a West German councillor from the Republican party, to the right of the Christian Democrats, who outlined his vision of a new, more wholesome and above all more racially homogenous Germany. Reunification initially damaged such parties, but they feed on disillusionment.

Ignatieff had a stroke of luck when he arrived in Germany: the reform of Germany's asylum laws was just reaching the boil when a gruesome arson attack, in which two Turks died, highlighted the emotive relation of legal nationality to political nationalism. Hitherto, the Federal Republic had "owed" it to every victim of persecution to offer them asylym; but it had also defined German citizenship to embrace ethnic Germans in Eastern Europe, millions of whom unexpectedly returned "home" in the past five years. A young woman recently arrived from Russia told Ignatieff that the worst thing about Germany was "the Turks".

While Ignatieff listened with evident sympathy to the view that restricting the right to asylum at such time amounted to blaming the victims of intolerance, he also asserted — but did not question — the connection between the liberalism of the asylum law and the expiation of German guilt.

By subliminally linking the asylum-seekers with the source of Germany's shame, this open-door policy actually stigmatised the very people it was designed to help. In a Germany which had exterminated or driven out most of its minorities, these "foreigners" were highly visible, and a standing accusation.



Ignatieff: investigating a revival of nationalism

Self-styled German patriots of left or right, Ignatieff concluded, profess their love of Germany, but do not love the real place: only an imaginary Germany, either cosmopolitan or Aryan. It occurred to me afterwards that Ignatieff really ought to have included in his series the western state which is probably in most danger of disintegrating due to ethnic conflict: Canada.

DANIEL JOHNSON

CONCERT: A new Strathclyde Concerto from Maxwell Davies

Bassoon is no buffoon

Eight down and two to go. With awesome industry and chilling regularity, Sir Peter Maxwell Davies has produced Strathclyde Concertos at a rate which suggests that the whole unlikely project could be over within the next twelve months or so.

The scores he has written for the principals of the **Scottish Chamber Orchestra** have not been of uniform interest, of course: and it is probably true that the later recipients have had an easier time of it, as the composer's rhythmic writing has become ever more realistic and the textures less argumentative.

Strathclyde Concerto No 8 for bassoon and orchestra is a largely lyrical work, with harmonies that actually coincide with the melodic line, set in a fairly conventional three-movement structure. It must be particularly rewarding for the soloist in this case, since the bassoon is presented not as the buffoon of the orchestra but as a poetic and thoughtful spokesman for the woodwind, and, once it has got over the cadenza at the beginning of the third movement, engagingly sociable too.



Sir Peter Maxwell Davies: ever more realistic writing

On its first entry, in a kind of recitative, the bassoon covers just about the whole of its range within a few bars. For much of the rest of the time it is poised in its upper register drawing a shapely line, often over wide intervals, while prominently profiled double bassoon and bass clarinet offset the tenor quality of the solo voice. Of course, it wouldn't be a Maxwell Davies concerto without dramatic interventions on timpani but, although it does get in elaborately impassioned rhetoric in the middle of the central slow movement, the bassoon is not easily shaken.

The first performance of the bassoon concerto in the City Hall, Glasgow, with the composer himself conducting the SCO and the highly accomplished and gratifyingly eloquent Ursula Leveaux as soloist, was not the only highlight of the programme.

Together with Haydn's Symphony No 22 ("The Philosopher") and a compellingly spontaneous account of Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 3 directed from the keyboard by Peter Donohoe, there was another new score by Maxwell Davies. Called *A Spell for Green Corn — The MacDonald Dances*, it is a slyly parodistic but by no means unaffectionate compilation of Orkney fiddle music. As Donald MacDonald, impersonated on this occasion by SCO leader James Clark, crosses the furrows with his fiddle and blesses the crops, he meets Malcolm MacArnold coming in the other direction.

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JIMMY LOGAN, the Scottish variety performer, is £10,000 richer this week after winning the 1993 Gulliver Award. Decided by a panel of prominent figures in Scottish business and the arts, the award recognises outstanding Scottish talent in music, drama and dance. Logan, whose range covers serious drama as well as comedy and song, devised and starred in one of the major attractions at this summer's Edinburgh Festival: a recreation of the Fifties variety show. As award winner, Logan was given the chance to nominate a performer under the age of 30 for the £5,000 Gulliver Scholarship; he chose the baritone Stuart Macintyre.

● THERE is life after the Royal Court. Max Stafford-Clark, until recently its director, is forming a touring company called Out of Joint, a name meant to evoke both an unsettling subject-matter and the group he ran in the 1970s, Joint Stock. Its starts life in Leicester in March with two pieces about the urban underclass, a revival of Jim Cartwright's *Road* and Sue Townsend's satiric *The Queen and I*, in which a deposed monarch struggles to survive on a council estate. The following autumn should bring another pairing: Etherege's *Man of Mode* and Stephen Jeffreys's new play about the poet Rochester, *The Libertine*. After that, David Hare has promised the company something, its subject still undecided.

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LONDON

ANGELS FROM AMERICA: A World Aids Day gala will be held this Sunday in aid of Crusaid's "West End Cares". Hosted by Ned Sherrin, the highlight is a mini-musical from Armistead Maupin, *Suddenly Home*, directed by Simon Callow and starring Marcus D'Amico, Haydn Gwynne and Steven Pacey. Also featured are Sam Harris, Barbara Cook, the cast of *Forever Plaid* and the fabulous Melba Moore.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Ave, WC2 (071-379 5399). Sunday 7.30pm.

CORK STREET OPEN WEEKEND: Seventeen galleries are once again joining forces to present a lively and imaginative display of modern and contemporary art; local galleries will most likely follow suit. Affordable art will be emphasised, prices from £100.
Cork Street, W1. Sat 10am-7pm, Sun 11am-6pm.

LONDON CONTEMPORARY DANCE THEATRE: Programme two of the company's very ambitious season kicks off the evening with no fewer than three London premieres. Richard Alston's *The Perilous Night*, *Waiting* from Christopher Bruce and Darshan Singh Bhuller's *Fall Like Rain*. Plus Aletta Collins's witty *Shoes*.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (071-278 8916). Tonight and Sat, 7.30pm.

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON GLASSBLOWING WORKSHOP. A fascinating glimpse at the artistry and skill needed for the creations of a glassmaker's imagination. Their open house and sale will be held this weekend and next.
Workshop, 109 Rotherhithe Street, SE16 (071-237 0394). Nov 27/28 and Dec 4/5, 11am — 5pm.

ELSEWHERE

EDINBURGH: Saxophonist **Phil Bancroft** draws inspiration from Scottish and Irish folk music and then mixes it with contemporary jazz. The band includes Kevin MacKenzie, guitar; Brian Kellock, piano; Steve Watts, bass; and Tom Bancroft, drums.
Queen's Hall, Clerk Street, Edinburgh (031-668 2019). Tonight, 8.30pm.

IN nearby **St Andrews, the Scottish Potters Association** are holding an exhibition which promises to entice with a covetable range of pottery. The show is not just a straight viewing of work but includes information on the widely varying techniques of the craft.
Crawford Arts Centre, North Street, St Andrews (0334 74610). Until Dec 19

MANCHESTER: George Benjamin, now Principal Guest Artist of the **Hallé Orchestra**, demonstrates his considerable talents as both composer and conductor on Sunday with a programme including Berlioz (Three Pieces from *The Damnation of Faust*); Messiaen (*Oiseaux Exotiques*), Benjamin (*Upon Silence*, with Susan Bickley); Ligeti (*Atmosphères*); and Ravel (*La Valse*). With Peter Hill, piano.
Free Trade Hall, Peter Street (061-834 1712). Sunday, 7.30pm.

MORPETH: **Different Voices** is a weekend of readings, debates and creative collaborations to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Northern Poetry Library. Poets from all over the UK will offer their contributions to support the most comprehensive collection of poetry in England outside London.
Morpeth Library and Queen's Head Hotel, Northumberland. (0670 512385).

OXFORD: Music Theatre of Wales returns with Philip Glass's wonderfully chilling chamber opera adaptation of **The Fall of the House of Usher**. The tendrils of Poe's quintessential horror story are woven through the music, the evil atmosphere of the ancient house hangs in the air. **Julian Pike** leads the cast; Michael McCarthy directs.
Playhouse, 11-12 Beaumont Street (0865 798600). Sunday 7.30pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

◪ **ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL**. Good acting, especially by Sophie Thompson as husband-hunter, but in one of Shakespeare's poorer plays.
Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight 7.15pm; Sat 2pm and 7.15pm.

□ **THE BFG**. Roald Dahl's Big Friendly Giant makes his now annual call on London. Great family fun.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon 7pm, Tue-Fri, 2pm and 7pm, Sat 11am, 2.30pm, 7pm

■ **CAROUSEL**. Tuneful and cleverly set Rodgers and Hammerstein musical extravaganza.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 165mins.

◪ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS**: Stephen Daldry's marvellously re-imagined version of Priestley's social thriller.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.15pm, mat Wed, 2.30pm.

□ **LOOKING THROUGH A GLASS ONION**: John Waters stars in his own musical tribute to John Lennon, and comes remarkably close to conveying his mysterious, if chaotic, charm.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 6pm and 9pm

□ **MACHINAL**. Fiona Shaw, a moving heroine in Sophie Treadwell's expressionist drama from 1928. Masterly direction and design by Stephen Daldry and Ian MacNeil reaches the core of the drama.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight 7.30pm, Sat, 2.15pm and 7.30pm.

◪ **MEDEA**: Diana Rigg returns to the West End in Euripides's tragedy of a woman's revenge. Directed by Jonathan Kent.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs 3pm, Sat 5.30pm

□ **MOONLIGHT**. Ian Holm stars in Pinter's play as a sour civil servant, unmourned by his family, raging against his approaching death.
Comedy, Panton St, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm

◪ **NIGHT AFTER NIGHT**: Neil Bartlett's much-toured show (due in New York next January) takes an amble round the gay hinterland of the late 1950s. Music by Nicolas Bloomfield.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat 4pm. Till December 18.

◪ **OLEANNA**: Power, politics and punishment at an American university. *Great performances by David Suchet* and Lia Williams in Mamet's play.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

◪ **ONE MAN**: Electrifying performances by Steven Berkoff in three solo pieces. Poe's *Telltale Heart*, *Actor*, and *Dog*, his hilarious, chilling view of life as seen by a lager lout's rottweiler.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5040). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

□ **RELATIVE VALUES**. Susan Hampshire, Sara Crowe and Alison Fiske head a strong cast in Coward's snobbish but clever comedy. Tim Luscombe directs.
Savoy, Strand, WC2 (071-836 8888). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

□ **SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER**: Donald Sinden, Miriam Margolyes, David Essex in Peter Hall's revival of the evergreen Goldsmith comedy.
Queens, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

□ **VITA AND VIRGINIA**: Eileen Atkins' play based on Virginia Woolf's crush on Vita Sackville-West, with herself and Penelope Wilton.
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (071-836 6111). Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, and Sat, Sun, 3.30pm.

◪ **THE WINTER'S TALE**: John Nettles, Samantha Bond and Richard MacCabe in a sublimely moving production of Shakespeare's redemptive drama. Adrian Noble directs; designed by Anthony Ward.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight 7.15pm; Sat 2pm and 7.15pm. 180mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ■ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ■ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ■ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ... ■ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (071-734 8951) ... □ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ■ **Grease**: Dominion (071-580 8845) ... ■ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ■ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ... ■ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... □ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ■ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi Theatre (071-344 0055) ... □ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... ◪ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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NEW RELEASES

AMONGST FRIENDS (18): Adventures of young Long Island hoodlums. Hollow showpiece for young writer-director Rob Weiss with Steve Parlavecchio, Joseph Lindsey and Patrick McGaw.
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772)

◆ **BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT** (18): Murderous father Donald Sutherland returns to torment daughter Amy Irving. Clumsy thriller from Jonathan Heap.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

CB4 (18): Tamra Davis's dishevelled rap music spoof with a few bright ideas. Chris Rock, Allen Payne, Deezer D.
MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **HARD TARGET** (18): Unpleasant human prey thriller with Jean-Claude Van Damme. A disappointing American debut for Hong Kong director John Woo.
Empire (071-497 9999) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

IP5 (15): Yves Montand teaches two urban louts the wonders of nature and love. Highly watchable, stylised twaddle from Jean-Jacques Beineix.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Chelsea Cinema** (071-351 3742)

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

RUBY IN PARADISE (15): Passive young woman (the striking Ashley Judd) finds her niche in Florida. Intimate, aggravating drama from Victor Nuñez.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366)

CURRENT

ALADDIN (U): Disney's brash Arabian cartoon does not match expectations, though Robin Williams' Genie is fun. Directors, John Musker, Ron Clements.
Odeon Leicester Square (0426-915683)

◆ **DAVE** (15): The US President's lookalike takes over. Beguiling comic fantasy, with Kevin Kline and Sigourney Weaver. Ivan Reitman directs.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeon Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **DEMOLITION MAN** (15): Sylvester Stallone v Wesley Snipes in 21st century L.A. Marco Brambilla's overblown romp with satirical touches.
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **THE MAN WITHOUT A FACE** (12): Scarred recluse tutors a young outcast. Queasy drama with something to say from director-star Mel Gibson.
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◆ **THE PIANO** (15): Jane Campion's magnificent tale of repression and desire in mid-19th century New Zealand. With Holly Hunter, Sam Neill, Harvey Keitel.
Gate (071-727 4043) **Lumiere** (071-836 0691) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Plaza** (071-497 9999) **Screen/Baker** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **Warner** (071-437 4343) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

THE REMAINS OF THE DAY (U): Life and lost chances of an English butler. Merchant Ivory's immaculate if chilly account of Kazuo Ishiguro's novel with Anthony Hopkins, Emma Thompson.
Curzons: Mayfair (071-465 8865) **West End** (071-439 4805) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057)

Saying it all with flowers

Caitlin Moran

begins a new weekly column about her kind of music with a fond look back to the heyday of the Smiths





The Smiths at the height of their — and Morrissey's (second from right) — fey and formidable powers

Normally, there are four basic courses that seduction runs: to pursue and win; to be pursued and won over; to cleave as you are cleaved unto; or to be so blind drunk that groping a corpse seems like a hot proposition. Fairly straightforward.

However, the flailing tangle of limbs and lobelia that was Smiths-era Morrissey invented a fifth catagory: to demand to be overwhelmed, to insist on initiation, to wail and writhe and whip the hips around until the entranced had no choice but to chuck their diary in the bin, grunting "*Upstairs, then?*" *This pouting, lisping* son of Oscar Wilde, almost vindictively effeminate and laying claim to the traditional "privileges" of womanhood — passivity, preening and a put-upon air — was possibly one of the greatest public figures of the 1980s: even that very end-of-the-pier act, Freddie Starr, included a Morrissey impression.

Manchester's anaemic James Dean figure, together with the vaguely ferret-like, greased rocker Johnny Marr, first pitched together in the wee, wee hours of the early 1980s. Marr simply went round to Morrissey's house and asked him if he wanted to be in a band. The first album, *The Smiths*, is a bloodied statement of intent — squirming, spangly guitars, coiled thuds of bass and Morrissey's dark lyrics, so twisted they are almost coded.

"Reel Around The Fountain" could be about child abuse, gay sex or simple, straightforward seduction, with Morrissey intoning "It's time the tale were told / Of how you took a child and you made him old / Well you can pin me and mount me like a butterfly..." while the drums click away in the background like a faulty metronome.

Already he had set up his snidely frail persona: "She wants it now and she will not wait / But she's too rough and I'm too delicate". At this point, the partnership of Morrissey and Marr invented Indie Rock, a battalion of guitar effects pedals and glorious pop tunes that prevent themselves from being pompous by self-inflicted abrasiveness and perversity.

By now, the battalions of worshippers who would, eventually, wrap themselves so tightly around Morissey's ankles he began to stumble, had started to mass. To a cross-section of pale, gangly boy-girl things who needed an excuse to shun the snaggle-toothed hardness ingrained in their generation, Morrissey's flamboyantly espoused doctrine of poetry, vegetarianism and lots and lots of flowers, was an invitation they snatched up.

To say you were a Smiths fan was like a badge. You would not be buttoning up your shirt; you would be spending a lot of time in your bedroom alone; and you would not be needing bacon sandwiches for the forseeable future.

But now we must jump to the second album, *Meat Is Murder*. It glimmers and burns on a distant horizon, sending off flares with that squalling, maudlin thing of beauty/joy for ever, "How Soon Is Now?", in which Marr does the Greatest Guitar Thing of All Time Ever (it goes "Fweeeying"), and Morrissey sums up Saturday night for everyone between the ages of 14 and 21 in one verse — "There's a club if you'd like to go / You could meet somebody who really loves you / So you go and you stand on your own, and you leave on your own, and you go home and you cry and you want to die."

I could quote these lyrics three years before I knew who the Smiths were. As most bands spend their time spinning sticky tales of indulgence, excess and self-promotion (or, in the case of Smiths contemporaries Duran Duran, burbling about how "the night is a wire"), the starkness of Morrissey's admission screamed like a sparkler in the Black Hole of Calcutta.

Morrissey's strength as an artist lay in his ability to expose himself as a faulty, frail creature; Marr's lay in his ability to do things with a Rickenbacker, and write tunes that made people stomp and swoon simultaneously. It was this clash of opposites that made the Smiths great. All classic bands have two songwriters who are so opposed as to hate each other's guts.

When 1986 came around, and *The Queen Is Dead* sprang into shops and was slammed on turntables all over England, people were having to wear wellingtons to wade through the gossip about Morrissey and Marr's working and personal relationship; idle tongues in the music industry were bubbling and broiling and spitting out red-hot rumours in 12-hour shifts.

By the time the Smiths' last proper album, *Strangeways Here We Come*, was released, it was — in the immortal words of Kenneth Wolstenholme — "all over". Marr wanted out. One grey day in 1987, he waltzed away from the Smiths, leaving behind him four great albums, and precipitating a deluge of complications and commiserations.

Headlines intoned: "The Smiths are Dead". And lo, a great weeping and moaning was heard from Edinburgh to Evesham — and, perhaps, in one bedroom in Manchester, occupied by a fragile Oscar Wilde-obsessed popstar. "If he [Marr] rang, I'd catch the next bus to his house," Morrissey said last year. Perhaps that phonecall was made. According to Smiths drummer Mike Joyce, they have been seen in the studio together recently. Interflora could be on to a nice little earner next summer.

● The Smiths, Meat Is Murder, The Queen Is Dead, The World Won't Listen, Strangeways, Here We Come, Hatful of Hollow, Louder Than Bombs *and* Rank *are all re-released this week by WEA*

SOUNDBITES: A WEEK IN POP

SINGLES: Blues-rock fiends the **Red Devils** release "Blackwater Roll" (This Way Up) to coincide with their UK tour. Meanwhile, canny bluesman **Robert Cray** cashes in with "I Hate Taxes (1040 Blues)" released on Monday, the day before budget day.

VIDEO: Bon Jovi's *Keep The Faith — The Videos* (60 mins, Polygram, £10.99) is a sturdy collection of promo clips, with added interview and behind-the-scenes footage spliced in.

TELEVISION: k.d. lang, who joins George Michael and Mick Hucknall for Wednesday's World Aids Day concert at Wembley Arena, is the subject of a two-part feature on GMTV on Monday and Tuesday (6.00-9.25am, ITV).

BOOK: The handy *Virgin 1215 Rock Yearbook 93/94* edited by Tony Horkins (Virgin £12.99) incorporates charts, quotes, reviews, profiles and a UK music industry reference section.

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POP ON FRIDAY: Yo ho ho and a bottle of rum doings ... Axl Rose et al sift through their souvenirs ... Sharkboy surface

A step ahead of fashion – and the law

The hottest sounds buzzing around our cities are frequently also illegal. David Toop reports on the wild and wilful world of pirate radio, and its moves towards respectability



DENZIL McNEELANCE

The Coldcut crew — Jonathan More (left) and Matt Black — have moved their pirate radio innovations to the licensed airwaves, the latest being Festival Radio

Just as Nicky Blackmarket begins to descend the stairs into the Soho record shop basement where he works, a teenager thrusts a cassette tape into his hand. This is how the distribution of specialist music operates. Often produced in bedroom studios, the music finds its way on to independent labels through a small network of shops and disc-jockeys and then reaches the core audience through pirate radio broadcasts.

To round off his activities as record retailer, label owner, recording artist and club DJ, Blackmarket also works twice a week as a radio DJ for Pulse FM.

> 'If they raid the output site, he sets up somewhere else'

Claiming to be the leading pirate radio station specialising in hardcore dance music, Pulse broadcasts within the M25 radius during weekday evenings and throughout the weekend. The average listener is probably a male teenager who has little interest in mainstream music and who aspires to becoming an active participant in the scene.

Casual listeners tuning into Pulse could be forgiven for thinking that they had stumbled on to transmissions from outer space. Grounded by a heavy undertow of bass, the music twitches at a hyperactive pace. Stripped to an absolute minimum of frills and entirely devoid of vocal content other than a few ominous voice samples, cutting-edge records such as Origin Unknown's "Valley Of The Shadows" and L.T.J. Buckem's "Enchanted" are ignored by the press, major record companies and legal radio.

"This, to me, is the sound of the future," Blackmarket says. "This is what the youngsters are listening to. The majors are not dealing with it. The boys in the forefront are doing it for themselves and the pirates are pushing it for them."

Pulse represents a new phase of pirate radio activity. Blackmarket admits that for some of the new pirates, breaches of the law are not restricted to illegal transmission.

"Some of the stations that are out there reflect violence on to the DTI or the police if they get raided," he says. "Our guy who runs Pulse is very clever. If they raid the output site, he just watches them raid it, watches them go away and then sets up somewhere else. We don't have no violence. We've got big signs in the studio — no swearing, no this, no that. We try to run it as a professional thing."

Yet no amount of professionalism can distract the trade and industry department's radio investigation service from its purpose, which is to close down unlicensed stations. "It's a lot of ducking and diving," Blackmarket admits. "OK, you're creating an offence, but you're not killing anyone. You're giving thousands of youngsters what they want."

The arcane worlds of hardcore, breakbeat and jungle techno not only sound too extreme but change too quickly for the average radio listener. In this sense, stations such as Pulse, Cool FM, Weekend Rush and Eruption have been operating as niche market responses to the formulas and broadbased programming that have watered-down the innovations of an earlier wave of pirates.

Catering for the many niches of a fragmented society is one of the functions of radio. For the past four-and-a-half years, a licensed station in Brighton named Festival Radio has been taking the opposite approach by mixing musical genres and experimenting with programme formats.

Now, beginning tomorrow on 87.7 FM, Festival Radio has been given the opportunity to demonstrate its approach to Londoners. Awarded a restricted-service licence, the station will be broadcasting to central and north London for 28 days.

Although Daniel Nathan, Festival's co-director, is adamant that the iconoclasm of this experiment would not be sustainable as a long-term business, he would like his station to be a successful applicant for one of the two new FM licences which will be advertised early next year.

Nathan's own background lies in the pirate radio of the early 1980s. He believes that pirate broadcasting then was a reaction against the clichés established in the wake of the original pop pirates of the 1960s such as Radio Caroline, Atlanta and 370.

"In a way", he says, "straight-down-the-line music radio is caught up in the 1960s timewarp. That was when the DJs on the pop pirate ships in the North Sea adopted an American style. That was the style that Radio 1 legitimised and held on to through the 1970s and into the 1980s."

There were other factors at work, he believes, that influenced the diversification of radio during the 1980s. "Without being overly sociological about it", he says, "I think it also had a lot to do with ethnic minorities in the urban centres beginning to assert themselves and have an identity of their own."

As the radio airwaves became increasingly anarchic, a number of legitimate stations eventually emerged such as Kiss FM. And from Kiss, LWR and other mid-1980s pirates came a batch of DJs who, like Tony Blackburn and John Peel in a previous era, made the transition from illegality into the mainstream.

Nathan hopes that John Peel will be one of the guest presenters during the Festival's 28-day run, alongside the iconoclastic Steve Barker, the architect of *On the Wire*, Radio Lancashire's long-running adventure in genre transgression.

Although conventional formats are the mainstay of commercial radio stations, many people keep fonder and longer memories of programmes that break the rules in order to surprise the listener.

Jonathan More and Matt Black, better known as Coldcut, still present their remarkable *Solid Steel* programme for Kiss FM in the early hours of Sunday mornings. Since the earliest pirate days of Kiss, they have compiled marathon mixes that cross boundaries other presenters so conscientiously respect.

For Festival Radio, they will be presenting *The Return of Alien Sphinx*, a further instalment of a Kiss FM format which More describes as "two hours of ad-free easy listening, mixing ambient, classical music and house beats".

Although, as record producers, More and Black successfully channelled their musical ideas into chart hits for Lisa Stansfield and Yazz, they still feel the lure of experimentation. Low pay, long hours, even the fear of DTI raids, will never be sufficient to deter a DJ who believes in the power of radio.

NEW ALBUMS: Guns N' Roses dust off some old faves and beat them up

These we have loved to death

GUNS N' ROSES
The Spaghetti Incident?
(Geffen GED24617)
OF ALL the heavyweight rock groups who stalk the world's stadiums and album charts, Guns N' Roses are now the biggest. Having finished a world tour lasting 28 months, the combined sales of their albums *Use Your Illusion I* and *Use Your Illusion II* are reported to stand at 27 million copies.

Yet GNR display little of the dedicated professionalism of acts ranging from Def Leppard to Metallica, and none of the revolutionary flair that distinguishes Nirvana and Pearl Jam.

Instead, they have clung to a touching faith in the eternal verities of high-voltage rock 'n' roll, written and performed with a permanently delinquent attitude. Far from breaking the mould, their new album, *The Spaghetti Incident?*, is an unabashed celebration of these quaint working practices.

Composed of songs which inspired the various members of the group to start playing in the first place, it is a collection that, with one or two exceptions, embodies the traditional anti-social punk ethos. They have steered clear of the obvious choices, and the best-known selections (in this country anyway) are likely to be the Damned's "New Rose" and Iggy Pop's "Raw Power". The Sex Pistols are represented by an obscure Steve Jones song called "Black Leather" and the UK Subs get a look-in with "Down On The Farm". A bunch of seedy American acts including the New York Dolls ("Human Being"), the Dead Boys ("Ain't It Fun") and the Misfits ("Attitude") also get their moment of reflected glory.

While no one would doubt the sincerity of their efforts, the hard truth is that Guns N' Roses are not best placed to recreate the naive, rough and ready feel that made this music special in its time. Having made little effort to reinterpret the songs, they have simply pasted their big, pseudo-metal sound on to the original arrangements.

The royalties the writers of these songs will earn from this recording will, in many cases, amount to considerably more than they have otherwise netted in their entire careers.



Axl Rose invites you to listen to his desert island discs

Good luck to them, but unfortunately this album is a testament to the fact that the moment when their music had any great relevance has long since passed.

COWBOY JUNKIES
Pale Sun Crescent Moon
(RCA 74321 16808)
HAVING already upset the purists with last year's country-influenced *Black Eyed Man*, Cowboy Junkies have gone the whole hog with an album that finds the Canadian band abandoning the chill, static poise that marked their best-loved work, and opting for a more conventional rock group sound.

Margot Timmins still sings with pure, unearthly grace of days spent "watching a quiet winter's snow slowly gathering", and the band's preferred tempo remains somewhere between slow and dead stop. But whereas they used to sound as natural as the breeze dancing on a set of wind chimes (and similarly erratic), there is now a fuller and more polished touch to the performances. Indicative of the new mood are the pugnacious slide-guitar passages on "The Post" (written by J. Mascis of Dinosaur Jr) and the searing crescendo of "Hunted", a song with a lyric that drifts listlessly along avenues haunted by ugly violence and paranoia.

ELTON JOHN
Duets
(Rocket 518 478)
AS THE identically titled travesty by Frank Sinatra demonstrated, if there is one sure sign that a performer has surrendered control of his destiny to his record company's marketing department, it is the emergence of one of these ghastly duets albums.

What with the recent spate of books, awards, recorded tributes by other artists and repackaged collections of past glories, it is easy to forget how long it's been since Elton John last wrote a decent song.

No matter. The men in the red braces have had a brilliant idea, and here is John in a series of improbably chummy collaborations tackling a collection of off-the-peg standards even he couldn't get away with on his own. The results range from the almost respectable — a spirited performance of "Shakey Ground" with Don Henley, a live recording of "Don't Let The Sun Go Down On Me" with George Michael — to the downright embarrassing: a toe-curling "True Love" with Kiki Dee, a lifeless techno-rave version of "Don't Go Breaking My Heart" with RuPaul, and a pathetic "Love Letters" with Bonnie Raitt. This will doubtless be a huge and utterly cynical success.

OZRIC TENTACLES
Vitamin Enhanced
(Dovetail DOVE BOX 1: six discs)
WHEN Ozric Tentacles invaded the charts earlier this year with *Jurassic Shift*, the casual observer could have been forgiven for thinking that this group of nouveau-hippies had arrived from nowhere with their spacey brand of jazz-rock for the rave generation.

In fact they have been regulars on the alternative festival circuit since 1983, when they began life with an inaugural jam session in the shadow of Stonehenge, and recorded six official albums between 1984 and 1989.

Released for the first time on CD, all six are now available in a nicely packaged, limited-edition boxed set. And although in the 1990s they have become an unlikely hit with the all-night dance crowd, it is even more surprising to discover how little their predominantly instrumental music has changed over the years.

Right from the beginning, with an album called *Erpsongs*, they established a style derived from the progressive rock of 1970s acts like Steve Hillage and Gong, decorated with lots of bleepy flying-saucer sound effects and supported by a strong parallel strand of reggae. With few deviations, they have stuck to the formula ever since.

Still, the pages of rock history are full of people like Ozric Tentacles who have set the fashions, not followed them.

DAVID SINCLAIR

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	**The Spaghetti Incident?**	Guns N' Roses (Geffen)
2	**Bat Out Of Hell II — Back Into Hell**	Meat Loaf (Virgin)
3	**So Far So Good**	Bryan Adams (A&M)
4	**Both Sides**	Phil Collins (Virgin)
5	**Duets**	Elton John (Rocket)
6	**The One Thing**	Michael Bolton (Columbia)
7	**One Woman — The Ultimate Collection**	Diana Ross (EMI)
8	**Everything Changes**	Take That (RCA)
9	**So Close**	Dina Carroll (A&M)
10	**The Red Shoes**	Kate Bush (EMI)

Compiled by MRIB

Imagine the Smiths slowed down to an somnabulist dirge, the Velvet Underground in a positive, free-jazzy frame of mind, or the story of *Brighton Rock* remade as *Twin Peaks* by David Lynch. **Sharkboy** can provoke all of these images, yet they have a sound that is distinctly their own.

A first-names-only sextet from Brighton, Sharkboy seem intent on fusing the torch-song tradition with rock's equally venerable heritage of depressive introspection. Their slower songs crawl from chord to chord, drumbeat to drumbeat, as if an arrival at each new musical event may result in terrible consequences. Faster songs such as "Don't Walk Run," by contrast, build to the kind of all-the-stops-out climaxes that are more usually the preserve of jazz big bands such as Brotherhood of Breath.

NEW WAVES

The insider's guide to the Next Big Thing

Customarily, this kind of brooding music is played by the classic rock grouping of guitar, bass and drums: but if the Velvets used a viola then why should Sharkboy not include a cello and trumpet? Hearing a trumpet solo played across a backdrop of fuzzy guitar noise certainly makes a welcome change from hearing a fuzzy guitar solo blasting over a backdrop of trumpets.

Preston-born songwriter Avy vocalises in that flat, semi-spoken style that dovetails so perfectly with long, centre-parted hair, a black sweater and heavy black eyeliner. By turns threatening and wistful, she could be the singing discovery of next year for young men who like sex appeal cloaked in a bad mood. Signed to Suede's Nude Records, Sharkboy have already proved that their music is stronger than their spelling, with a single about duplicitous love entitled "Crystaline." Perhaps there was a hidden message. An album in March should reveal all.

DAVID TOOP

THE TIMES AND BRITISH AIRWAYS US HOLIDAY COMPETITION

Win a superb holiday for two in America

To celebrate the exhibition of work by a great American painter, you could visit the land of his inspiration

British Airways is sponsoring the first European exhibition of the work of Thomas Eakins, a master of American realism, at the National Portrait Gallery in London. The exhibition, "Thomas Eakins (1844-1916) and The Heart of American Life", runs until January 24, 1994.

To celebrate the event, British Airways and *The Times*, in association with British Airways Holidays, are offering readers the chance to win a two-week holiday for two in a choice of three US cities — each city specially selected to provide a blend of the cultural and the everday way of American life.

The winner and a companion will fly BA, renowned internationally for service and style, and stay at hotels that match the airline's commitment to quality. The winner — who must take up the holiday within six months — can combine stays in two of the cities.

They selected cities and hotels are:

- **New York**, staying at the Omni Berkshire Place hotel, between Madison and Fifth Avenue.
- **Washington DC**, staying at the Omni Georgetown hotel, near the White House and the Capitol.
- **Boston**, New England, staying at the 557 Park Plaza hotel, close to the city's major attractions.

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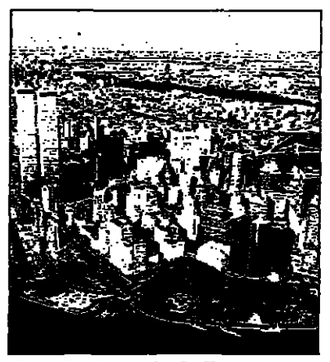
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CAR SAFETY AND SECURITY

Vaughan Freeman looks at technological developments making cars safer, and **David Young** examines advanced driving techniques

Consumers lead drive for safety

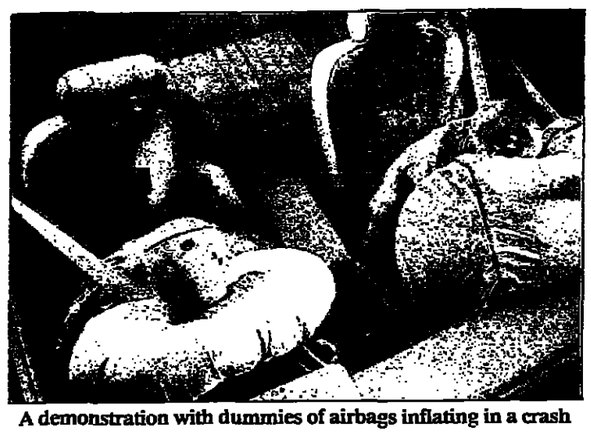
This year, car safety went to the top of the motoring agenda when, in May, the government published for the first time its own "buyer's guide" to 90 different cars, showing how well they protect their occupants in the event of an accident.

The leaflet, entitled "Buying A Car: Choose Safety", drew upon police statistics covering 70,000 accidents which resulted in 1,000 deaths and 10,000 serious injuries in the two years to 1991. At the bottom of the table, 11 per cent of drivers of the now out-of-production Citroën 2CV were killed in accidents and 83 per cent injured when in collision with another car. At the top, 3 per cent of drivers were killed and 28 per cent injured in accidents in the Jaguar XJ6 and Sovereign models. The figures showed that the bigger and heavier the car, the more protection it offered. But there were other factors. For instance, there were 216 injury accidents per 10,000 in small, high-performance cars, but similar models lacking only the performance engine recorded 123 accidents per 10,000.

Of 18 models in the "mini" class, not one managed to achieve the overall average for injury risk. The average percentage of drivers injured in two-car crashes is 45 per cent for executive-sized cars, but far higher, at 71 per cent, for the mini-sized class. The safest cars in the small sector were the Peugeot 205, VW Polo and Renault 5; in the small/medium sector the Rover 200/400 Series, VW Golf and Volvo 300 did best, and the Mercedes 190 topped the medium-size car sector.

Larger cars have the room to carry the sort of technology that best protects. This is why the latest generation of Jaguars are being sold as "the safest car in Britain", and now feature airbags for both driver and front passenger. The airbags, folded into the head of the steering column and the glove box, are instantaneously inflated on impact to protect people against collision damage, and then deflate so they do not smother, hamper vision, or interfere with a rescue.

Research by Mercedes-Benz shows that cars fitted with airbags result in a 25 per cent drop in severe chest injuries and an 80 per cent fall in severe head/neck injuries. Like many other safety features, the airbag was introduced to the motoring public on top-of-the-range limousines. This year, Ford offered as a standard fitment a driver-side airbag on its new Mondeo family saloon and Vauxhall is now introducing the driver-side airbag across most of its range.



A demonstration with dummies of airbags inflating in a crash

In America airbags are a legal requirement on new cars, but in Britain their rapidly spreading introduction is being led by the consumer and manufacturer, rather than by legislation. An airbag inflates fully in 25-30 milliseconds. A small explosive charge is ignited on impact, usually at more than 12mph to avoid detonation during car parking bumps, and the bag is filled with a harmless gas.

> Airbags were a rarity but are now standard on many car maker's models

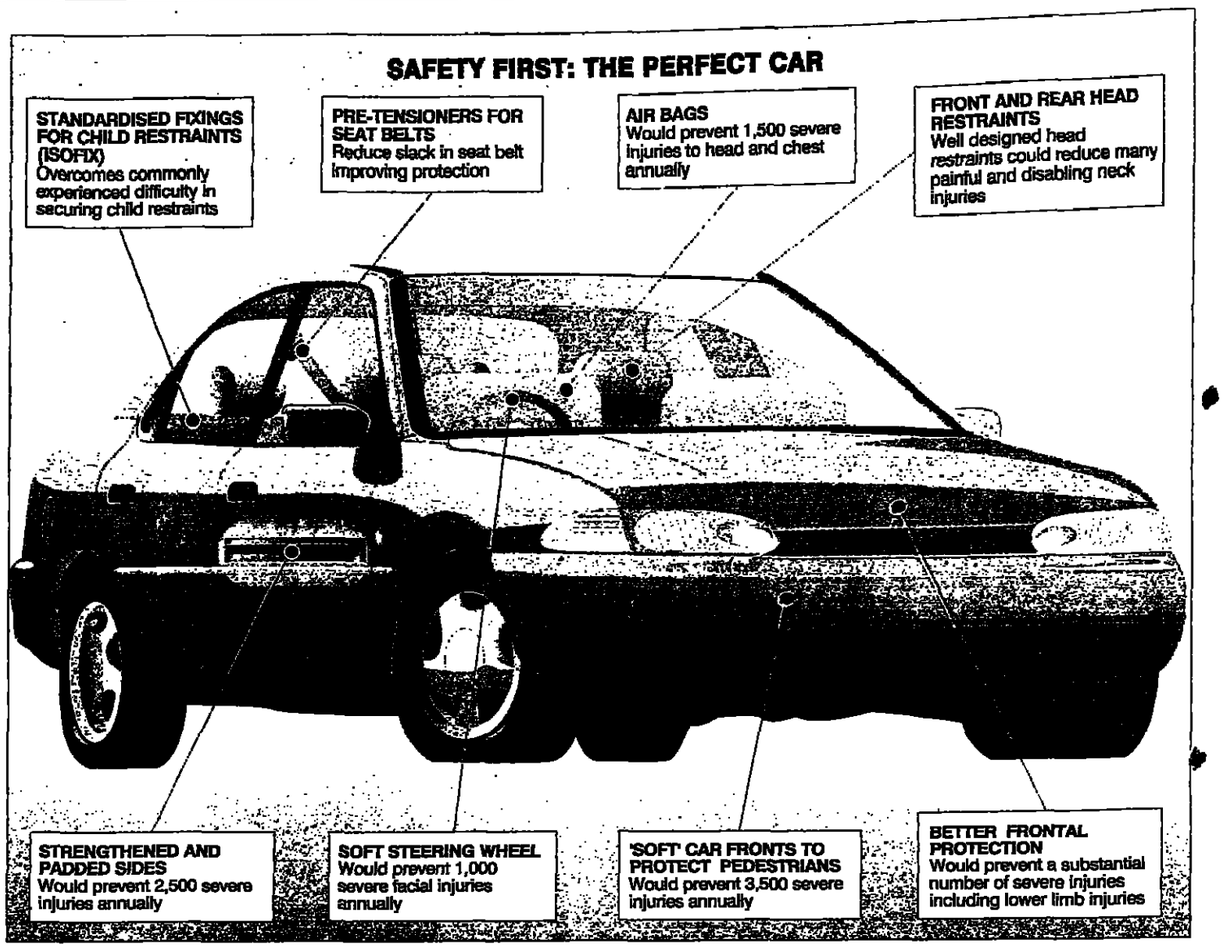
Airbags, which only three years ago were a rarity, are now to be found either as standard or as an extra on models from manufacturers as diverse as Alfa Romeo, Audi, BMW, Mitsubishi, Mercedes-Benz, Volvo, Saab, Rover, Vauxhall and Ford, as well as the likes of Rolls-Royce and Jaguar, and each launch of a new car increases the choice of cars on which they are available.

Anti-lock braking systems (ABS) are increasingly common standard fitments. ABS makes skidding almost impossible as computers register whether a wheel is locking, and flutter the brakes on and off for maximum effect faster than even the most accomplished rally driver.

Other benefits filtering down from the most expensive models to the cheapest include anti-intrusion bars in doors to protect against side-on collisions, anti-submarine seats to stop occupants sliding under seat belts, seat-belt pre-tensioners, which detect an impact and take up seat-belt slack to hold occupants securely, collapsible steering columns, burst-proof fuel tanks and engine cut-offs.

Advances for tomorrow's cars have more in common with aircraft technology. Head-up displays, which allow vital information to appear in front of pilots as if "projected" on to the screen, are one of the advances being worked on by General Motors. Drivers could check their speed without taking their eyes off the road. GM's car divisions are also working on cars with radar, which would allow motorists to "see" objects in fog.

For all these advances, however, the police say that the biggest effect on accident figures would come from people wearing their seat belts and driving less aggressively.



Steering staff away from a crash

> Men may not like to admit it, but lessons can often improve their at-the-wheel skills

There are only two ways of truly insulting a man, says Jackie Stewart, the former World Champion racing driver: "Tell him he's a bad lover or a bad driver."

However, transport managers sometimes have to tell staff that their driving is not as good as it could be.

Many big companies therefore like to send staff on advanced driving courses such as those run by the RAC. After employees have been on the courses, they take more pride in their driving and repair bills for minor accidents and insurance claims for major incidents can drop by as much as 70 per cent.

Any doubts I had on the value of such courses were removed by a day behind the wheel with Ivan Ellis, the RAC's chief driver training instructor. After the instruction, I found I was driving in a manner that was using less fuel and I was ending journeys in a more relaxed state.

The Ellis recipe is concentration, consideration and conscientiousness, three words Mr Stewart uses a lot when he talks about driver training. Mr Ellis, who trained Class I police drivers at Hendon College, has designed the RAC training system along the lines of that used by the police to enable a driver to develop a systematic approach to driving.

He says: "The course is not designed as a form of punishment for bad drivers, but to raise the overall standard of company drivers. Admittedly, some motorists need some work to improve their driving, but most gradually start to develop their skills and become more aware of what they are doing behind the wheel."

He also finds that most men react badly to having their driving criticised. Women drivers are more receptive.

Some companies offer driver training not only to staff who have company cars but to other employees as well. Ed Robertson, safety co-ordinator with Conoco, a North Sea oil company, says: "Driver training is an essential part of Conoco's safety policy. RAC driver training was selected because it was able to tailor a programme to support Conoco's objective of increasing employee awareness of the hazards of modern driving."

Another company which has used the RAC system is Hall & Company, a building materials supplier. David Brasier, the company's general manager, says: "We were suffering from a lot of accidents that were our drivers' fault. It was becoming expensive. All our company car drivers undertook RAC driver training and none has since had a blameworthy accident."

The RAC does not have the market to itself. Other specialists offer intensive driver training.

● *Further information: RAC Enterprises 081-686 0088; HPC 0883 349411; Paul Ripley Driving Courses 0532 585194; Jim Russell Racing Drivers' School 0332 811430; ATC Advanced Tuition 0992 522287; Drive Tech 0628 473537; Driving Management 06285 27387*

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The Ford video *Driving Without Fear* re-enacts the real-life theft of a handbag from the car of one of its executives

> Defensive driving and panic buttons can help prevent highway robbery

The very latest in safety and security technology will use a network of military communications satellites to pinpoint motorists in distress and instantly summon assistance, *Vaughan Freeman writes.*

If the idea sounds like science fiction, then the motor manufacturer Ford plans to make it an automotive fact within four years.

A panic button mounted on the car's dashboard will give the motorist the choice of calling the AA or RAC in the event of a breakdown, or the police, fire or ambulance services in an emergency. Once the panic button is hit, a transmitter in the vehicle will give the car's location, via a land-based station, to the Global Positioning System. This is a network of up to 20 satellites, developed initially by the US government for military purposes.

The system will locate a vehicle to within five metres, and simultaneously provide details of the car and the owner to the breakdown or emergency services responding to the call for help. As well as helping drivers in difficulty, Ford says the system will help cut the number of high-speed police chases, which can end in accidents, because the progress of a stolen car can be tracked via satellite, without risk, until it can be retrieved.

Ian McAllister, the chairman of Ford, says the system will go on sale in three to four years: "The satellite system is being developed partly in response to the problems caused by so-called 'joyriders'. Now the police will not have to get involved in street chases.

"It will also be particularly useful to people who have a breakdown away from major roads. By pressing the panic button mounted on the dashboard, the motorist will be able to summon help, without having to get out of the car on a dark, empty road to look for a telephone."

> Attacks on motorists are on the increase

News of the satellite innovation was unveiled earlier this month as Mr McAllister launched more down-to-earth advice on motoring security and safety in a new video and leaflet from Ford entitled *Driving Without Fear.*

During his years working at the Ford America headquarters in Detroit, Mr McAllister was schooled by colleagues in the tactics of self-defensive urban driving — avoiding car crime while you are in the vehicle. He says the decision to produce the video came after Ford executive and spokeswoman Sarah Perris was attacked in her car.

Ms Perris, a competitor in this year's 10,000 mile London to Sydney rally, is far from one of life's victims, but says the incident has left her devastated, although she was not physically hurt.

Ms Perris, who recounts her ordeal in the video, was driving alone and had stopped at traffic lights when a man opened the passenger door, grabbed her handbag off the front seat and ran off.

She says: "It all happened so quickly. I had put my bag on the front seat and he was able to snatch it and run off. It had never occurred to me that something like that could happen in broad daylight.

"The fright was awful, and afterwards there is the fear that it could happen again."

Mr McAllister says: "Unfortunately, official statistics don't identify the rising trend of this type of car crime, but our research for the video leaves no doubt that the situation is becoming increasingly more serious.

"I'm not suggesting that we are living in a lawless society, terrorised by highwaymen. But the evidence confirms the increase in crime directed against innocent motorists.

"A little forethought and care can go a long way in keeping drivers much safer from harm. The moral, as generations of Scouts have been told, is 'Be prepared'."

● The *Driving Without Fear* video, made with advice from the RAC, AA, South Yorkshire Police and the Suzy Lamplugh Trust, is available on loan free to groups and clubs from the Ford Video Library, or to individuals from participating Ford UK dealerships, or it can be bought for £5 direct from the Ford Motor Company, Broadcast Services, Room 1/455, Eagle Way, Brentwood, Essex CM13 3BW.

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Crime epidemic that is getting worse

The car crime rate in Britain is twice as high as in France and six times as high as in Germany. **Vaughan Freeman** reports on new counter measures

The schoolboy prank of immobilising a car by sticking a potato up the exhaust is the latest security device now being marketed, in all seriousness, to a desperate motoring public facing an onslaught from car thieves and vandals.

The £35 Aerlox is just one of the many items now on the market aimed at fighting the car-crime menace. It is simply a cap that locks at the end of the exhaust pipe, thwarting any attempt to drive the car away.

At the other end of the spectrum are security devices such as the AA-backed Tracker, costing £160 plus £61 annual subscription, which allows police to track a stolen car via the signal from a hidden bugging device.

Home Office figures show that last year 587,900 cars were stolen and 954,200 broken into in England and Wales, a 3.1 per cent increase over 1991.

Motorists in Britain suffer more than those anywhere else in Europe and the problem is getting worse. The European Secure Vehicle Alliance, an EC group of companies, police forces and motoring organisations, estimates that Britain's car crime rate is twice as high as in France, six times as high as in Germany and 33 times worse than in Portugal.

In April 1992, Kenneth Baker, the then Home Secretary, published the UK's first "car theft index" ranking cars with a theft-risk factor. The index showed high-performance cars were three times more likely to be stolen than standard models.

The index was published both to give motorists some idea of which cars attract the wrong sort of attention and increase pressure on manufacturers to make their cars more secure. It seems to have had an effect. The Home Office has not seen the need to publish another index in the two years since, and the availability of security items fitted as standard on new models has increased markedly.



Break-in by a young thief

The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, in a report this summer, found that of 741 car models on the market, central locking is now available as standard on 77 per cent compared with 74 per cent in 1991. Double-locking and deadlocking is available on 22 per cent of new cars against 20 per cent two years ago. Alarms are standard on 51 per cent of cars (30 per cent in 1991), and immobilisers are available on 96 per cent of cars (60 per cent).

Despite the huge range of DIY car alarms on sale motorists are slow to fit them. A Gallup Survey for Moss Security found that 60 per cent of UK motorists are not prepared to fit an alarm, citing the expense. Harry Moss, Moss Security's chairman, says: "Objective research now proves that alarms work. If we want to be serious about car crime, we must be serious about car alarms and make them compulsory. They are the only effective deterrent against both theft of the car and the contents."

Insurers paid out £648 million in theft claims in 1992. Clive Longhurst, of the Association of British Insurers, says: "Most car thieves aren't professionals. They are opportunists, ready to take advantage of the driver who thinks 'it won't happen to me', then leaves the car unlocked for a few minutes."

All of us pay indirectly through higher insurance premiums, and of the half-million cars stolen annually, few are returned to their owners. Tens of thousands end up back on garage forecourts for sale to unsuspecting customers, says CAP Nationwide Motor Research.

CAP advises a few simple steps to guard against buying a car that the vendor has no right to sell. These include checking the registration document against window-etching details, and that the car has a stamped chassis number.

Would-be car buyers can also protect themselves by investing £15 in a call to HPI Autodata, the used-car information line, which will check a car's identity. HPI can be contacted on 0722 422422.

PICTURES POSED BY MODELS



Police track down a stolen car by homing in on the signal from a hidden bugging device

Deadly followers of fashion



Nudge-bars, useful off-road, can be lethal, says the RAC

The machismo fad for nudge-bars on cars could be putting lives at risk

The latest motoring fad is not a relatively harmless adornment like the chrome of the 1950s, or the fluffy dice of the 1960s, but the bull-bar or nudge-bar — a piece of automotive machismo which critics say puts pedestrians needlessly at risk.

The RAC is now so concerned about the bars that it is to tell the crews of its repair and recovery patrol vehicles to remove any that have been fitted, and is to advise all five million RAC members of the dangers of the metal-work.

The bars, sometimes call 'roo-bars, were originally designed for off-roaders to protect lights and bodywork from whipping branches, flying stones and stray animals, and are also useful for nudging gates open and shut. Usually made of steel tubing and angled iron, they make the car look tougher, safer and more likely to survive an accident.

Ironically, the occupants might be more at risk in a vehicle with inappropriate bars, especially if they are poorly fitted, while pedestrians certainly come off worse if the bonnet that hits them is adorned with bolted and welded iron.

Even more worrying is that the bars are now sprouting on vans and pick-ups which, in their unadorned state, are infinitely more "friendly" in an accident where a pedestrian is involved.

Dr Jeremy Vanke, an RAC spokesman calling for more research into the impact of such bars in an accident, says: "Evidence is increasing that they cause damage, and that if you concentrate a vehicle's energy through something like a metal bar, it will intensify it."

The RAC is unlikely to call for an outright ban, says Dr Vanke, because some motorists have a genuine off-road use for such equipment.

But in traffic and built-up areas, the bars are a menace, says Graham Lawrence, in charge of pedestrian research at the Transport and Road Research Laboratory. "About 8 per cent of pedestrians hit by cars are children. Because of their height, they will be hit directly on the head by a nudge-bar. And as many such bars reinforce the bumper, there will be a higher incidence of horrific knee injuries among adults.

"People are now adding bars to delivery vans and pick-up trucks based on vehicles such as the Ford Sierra, which is quite a pedestrian-friendly car. So they are turning a 'friendly' vehicle into something dangerous."

The transport department has asked manufacturers to stop fitting the bars and to cease offering them as after-sales accessories. The manufacturers say evidence about the threat posed by the bars is inconclusive, adding that if they withdraw from fitting them, the vacuum will be filled by unscrupulous suppliers with inferior equipment.

European directives, now being researched by the Transport and Road Research Laboratory, demand "pedestrian-friendly" car bonnets which will result in only minor injuries in a pedestrian hit by a car travelling at 25 mph. Even today's cars, colliding with a pedestrian at 20 mph, are likely to cause fatal injuries in only 5 per cent of cases. But tests with cars fitted with bars found that even at 12 mph a child was likely to sustain fatal or life-threatening head injuries.

The bars are the height to hit children on the head

Apart from the impact, says Chris King, of the London Accident Prevention Council, the bars knock pedestrians down into the path of the vehicle rather than scooping them up and out of the way like most modern cars with low front bumpers and deformable bonnet panels.

Andrew Howard, head of road safety at the AA, says moves to outlaw the bars would be difficult to implement: "How can you legislate so that a vehicle like an off-roader belonging to a working country vet is allowed to have them, while they are banned on a normal car?"

The one hope, says the RAC's Dr Vanke, is that the fashion that has spawned them will also lead to their demise once the trend passes. "There is a pose value just as there once was in vinyl roofs. Hopefully it will pass."

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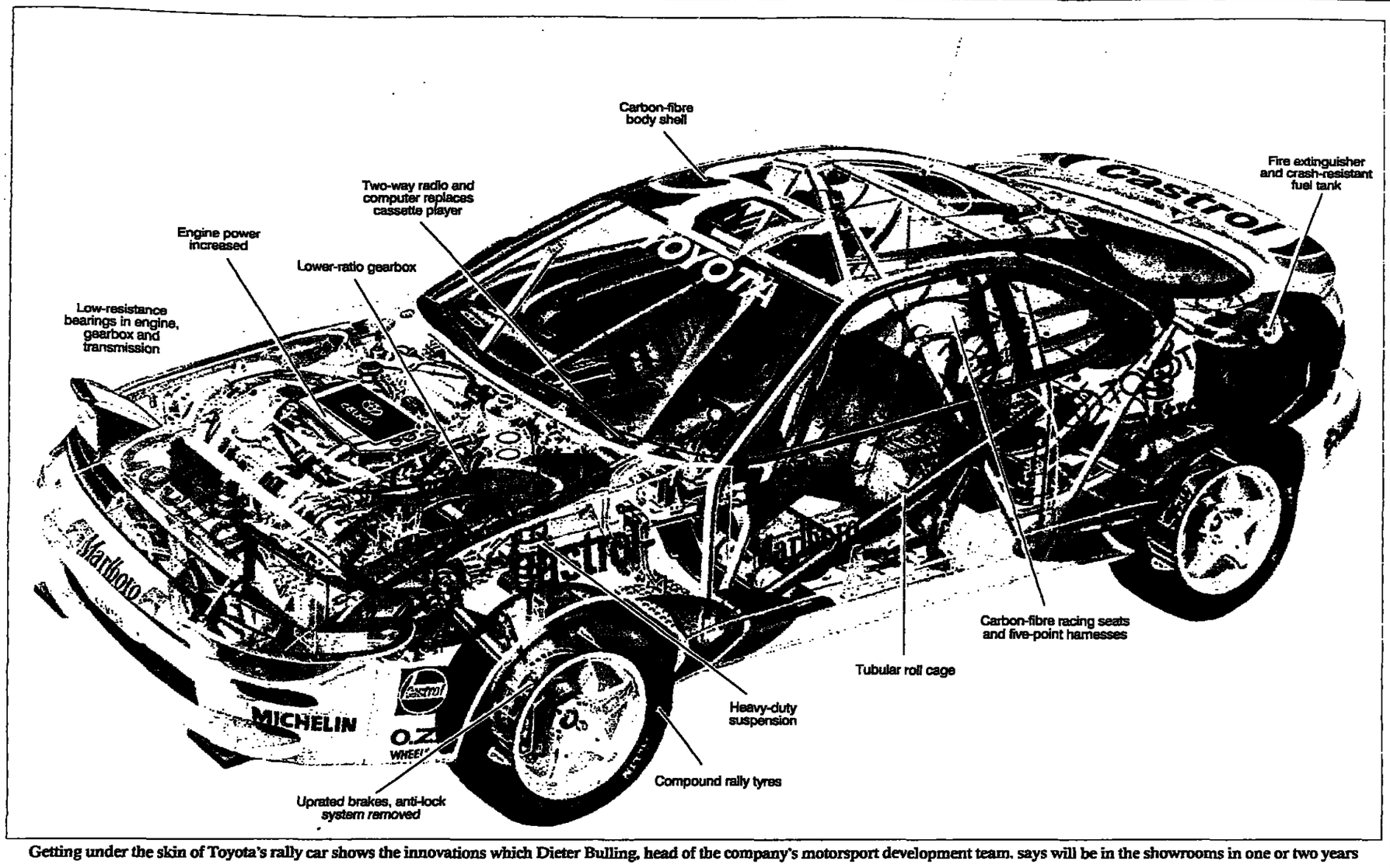
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MOTORING



Getting under the skin of Toyota's rally car shows the innovations which Dieter Bulling, head of the company's motorsport development team, says will be in the showrooms in one or two years

Breaking down the differences

The cars that raced around Britain in the RAC Rally are test beds for production models, reports **Vaughan Freeman**

The bizarre world of this week's *RAC Rally* must seem like a masochist's fantasy. The 1,600-mile route was lined by hundreds of thousands of frozen spectators, who waited hours, only to be power-showered by grit and ice as the cars stormed past too fast to see.

It was no easier for the 170 or so teams that entered. Only a fraction survived the gruelling four-day event, bruised, battered and exhausted, having rolled, skidded and careered through some of the most beautiful countryside Scotland, Wales and England have to offer — while travelling too fast or at too strange an angle to enjoy any of it.

Are such rallies merely hype, designed to boost sales of cars with high-profile sports success? Without doubt, the Network Q-sponsored RAC Rally is a marketing coup, and attracted massive media attention. But does the average motorist, sitting in yet another traffic jam, really benefit?

Manufacturers insist that despite the startling paint jobs, bulbous bodywork, fog lamps and advanced technology, their race-going vehicles are not light years away from the production cars on which they are based. They say such gruelling events constitute "live" test beds, where the latest technologies can be tried out.

Toyota's Juha Kankkunen collected the RAC Rally title for the third time — the perfect end to a rally season in which he became drivers' champion.

These victories have come with the four-wheel-drive Toyota Celica Turbo. Toyota may be one of Japan's, and the world's, largest manufacturers of cars, but the car that carries their reputation is put together in Germany. The body shells are sent straight from the Japanese production line to Cologne, where Dieter Bulling, the technology director of Toyota Motorsport, and his team, create the Group A rally car.

The basic rally body shell arrives without any of the sound deadening that makes the production Celica so comfortable. Also missing (to save weight) is the anti-corrosion wax body sealing. Lightweight carbon-fibre is used to strengthen the rally car.

The suspension points must not be altered and the crankshaft, engine block and cylinder head also remain largely the same, although there is some room for uprating. This allows Herr Bulling's team to squeeze 300bhp out of the race car's engine, against the production car's 205bhp. The rally car's gearing is set up for improved acceleration and traction, rather than flat-out speed, so that despite the additional power, the rally car is not as fast in a straight line as the one you might find in a showroom.



Making a splash, the 4WD Toyota Celica Turbo in action in this week's Network Q RAC Rally

To survive the rally's pounding, gearbox and suspension are substantially strengthened — aluminium or titanium replaces the production car's steel components.

Four-cylinder calliper brakes improve stopping ability. Rally tyres allow the car to go at speed on snow and ice and are capable of good performance on dry tarmac, a facility unheard of until recently.

The anti-lock braking system of the showroom car is gone: rally drivers like to be able to lock their car's wheels which, in their expert hands, gives greater control.

It is the advance in tyre technology — with much of the information and experience gleaned from the Monte Carlo event, where cars travel from shaded, ice-sheeted roads going up a mountain, to sunny, dry tarmac roads going down the other side — that sums up the advances made through rallying, says Herr Bulling. "Reliability in rallying is vital, and we can be sure, if a car lasts through a rally, it will last a lifetime of regular motoring.

"Technology developed in rallying five years ago is now appearing in production cars. For instance, the four-cylinder calliper brakes with ventilated discs we are using in rallies will appear in the next generation of production cars.

"Safety in production cars also benefits. We use carbon-fibre panels that we will see in production cars in five or six years, and we are working on a normal passenger car seat with crash reinforcement made of carbon composite material."

Herr Bulling believes that although success in rallying may improve sales, the long-term benefits of rallying are better cars for drivers and an enhanced reputation for Toyota.

"The strategy", he says, "is not to say win today, sell tomorrow, but to get the manufacturer the right image, to show what we can do on the technical side."

Paul Risbridger, the motorsport manager of Toyota UK, says that rallying, and motor sport generally, has resulted in huge improvements in the cars now driven daily by motorists worldwide.

"Traction control has come from competition-based motor sport, the four-wheel-drive car came from rallying, transmissions and gearbox have all benefited, and turbocharging has come on in leaps and bounds thanks to rallying."

In one key area, at least, the cars competing in this week's RAC Rally still have little in common with the cars on which they are based.

Herr Bulling's special cars are probably worth about £120,000 each, rather than the £25,000 on-the-road price of the Celica GT Four, the production car on which it is based.

ROADWISE

Bull bars barred

THE RAC is to ban bull bars on its repair and recovery patrol vehicles and is advising its five million members not to fit them to four-wheel-drive vehicles. The move follows research showing the bars could be lethal for pedestrians, particularly children, even in accidents at 12mph.

The bars are sprouting on 4x4s, car-derived pickups and vans as fashion items. The Transport and Road Research Laboratory warns that bull bars reinforce the bumper, producing horrific knee injuries among adults and serious head injuries among children.

The Department of Transport has asked manufacturers to stop fitting the bars and to cease offering them as after-sales accessories.

Dearer Ladas

THE price of Lada cars is up by an average of 2.3 per cent. However, the company emphasises that the cars cost less in real terms than they did 16 months ago and the starter price for the basic Riva 1.5E is still only £4,378, making it one of the cheapest on the road. Top price is £8,978 for the four-wheel-drive Niva Cossack.

Late, late show

FOR the driver who needs a car all day, there are not enough hours to call in for routine servicing and maintenance ... except at one London garage. Charles Ivey Ltd, based at East Sheen, southwest London, is now opening for overnight servicing to take the pain out of waiting.

Eastern aid

FORD has delivered 12 ambulances, the first of an order from the St Petersburg health authorities for 340 . The fleet comprises Ford's high-roof Transit models with 2.5-litre diesel engines. Ford has set up a large dealer network in Russia.

Cold comfort

THOUSANDS of motorists were caught on the wrong foot this week. The RAC and AA reported a peak in breakdowns as the cold weather led to a rash of flat batteries, leaky radiators and crashes. Make these simple checks to avoid any further problems this winter:

- Put anti-freeze in the radiator and in the windscreen water bottle;
- Check tyres for signs of wear that could prove dangerous when grip is most needed;
- Are the spare and jacking equipment in good condition?;
- Carry extras such as jump leads, petrol can, tow rope, blanket and reflective safety triangle.



21 in January

RENAULT will introduce the replacement for its 21 series in January. The Laguna will come in three trim levels with three petrol — 1.8, 2.0 and 3.0-litre — and one 2.2-litre diesel engine option and airbag, anti-lock brakes and side-impact protection.

TV link speeds accident repairs

Insurers can now assess the level of crash work via satellite cameras

The scene could come straight from a futuristic movie in which humans are turned into robots with x-ray vision.

But this plot will be based in your friendly local garage where mechanics will be able to speed up crash repairs dramatically because of technology probably more familiar to children playing video games than to most motorists.

Drivers who crash their cars know that the worst part of the accident is waiting for the insurance assessor to turn up and make a settlement so that repair work can start.

Assessors often struggle to keep up with the pace of work, with thousands of crashes every week to be checked. That means clambering into the car and trailing up and down the country to see wrecked vehicles before heading back to the office to complete all the paperwork.

But now technology can cut out the delays by taking the car into the assessor's office via satellite television.

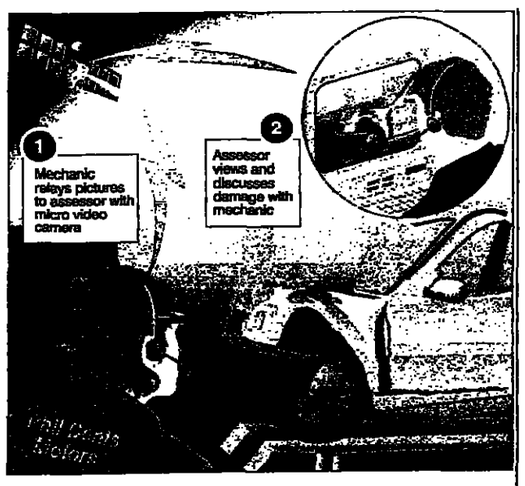
A mechanic slips on a headset fitted with a micro-sized video camera, microphone and earpiece, then starts an examination of the crashed car.

Everything the mechanic sees is beamed back to the insurance office to be viewed simultaneously by the assessor. The assessor watches the examination of the car on a video screen and can talk to the mechanic using the microphone and earpiece link, as if they were together in the same workshop.

If the assessor needs to see any particular part of the vehicle, he or she simply asks the mechanic to move around until it is in view.

As soon as the video examination is completed, the assessor can decide what work is to go ahead, what the insurance company will pay or whether the vehicle is too badly damaged to be repaired and must be written off.

For the doubters who believe that a television link-up could lead to some strange and inaccurate diagnoses, there is the reassurance that British Telecom's Telepresence system works; it has already been used by a surgeon on land to give instructions to a paramedic on a North Sea oil rig who was forced to carry out an emergency operation.



The exercise was so successful that British Telecom has been busy carrying out demonstrations to the Vehicle Body Repairers' Association (VBRA), which represents garages that do crash repair work, and to insurance companies.

The system will be available in weeks rather than months and could cost between £7,000 and £10,000 to set up, says Nicola Keane of the VBRA. However, that initial cost could soon be recouped in savings in time and money for garages, motorists and insurance companies.

Ms Keane says: "The system allows the assessor to see everything without having to leave the office.

"Approval can be given instantly to start work on the repairs, and this will do away with the haggling and toing and froing about repairs that often occurs."

KEVIN EASON

Proton with a new Persona

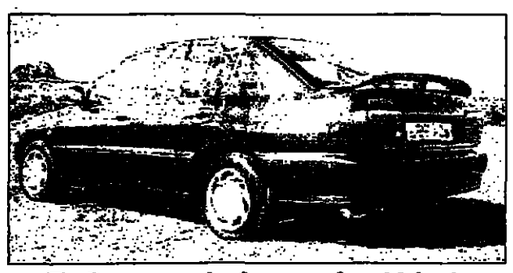
A bargain offer to challenge Ford and Vauxhall

THE MAN who started repairing cars under a railway arch has launched a new model to expand his multi-million pound empire. David Brown gambled that Malaysia could be a new centre of car production to rival the Japanese and brought the Proton to Britain in 1988.

The make was shown for the first time at the Birmingham Motor Show to a largely baffled public. Protons were effectively revamped Mitsubishis, which meant that they were tried and tested.

But the results were startling. Within months, Mr Brown and his small team had recruited dozens of dealers. This year sales will top 16,000 and now Mr Brown has been awarded the concession to distribute Proton cars throughout Europe.

He starts the challenge with a new car launched here this week called the Persona, a mid-range model that will challenge Ford's Mondeo and the Vauxhall Cavalier, but is hundreds of pounds cheaper.



The Persona — value for money from Malaysia

The Persona, priced between £8,990 and £10,990, uses Mitsubishi-designed engines and is the first to be designed by the Malaysians — with advice from Mr Brown's British team. The result is a strikingly attractive car.

The Mitsubishi 1.5 and 1.6-litre engines make the Persona a joy to drive, accelerating briskly, then cruising sweetly. The gearchange is efficient and easy, the driving position good and all the switches and dials are in the right places. The interior is pleasantly comfortable, although not luxurious. The boot is cavernous and the rear legroom ample.

Enthusiastic drivers will probably pitch for the 111-brake horsepower, 1.6-litre version. A brisk early morning drive confirmed its admirable qualities, as it pulled away urgently and cornered well. The 1.5-litre offers 89bhp, probably enough for most drivers given the eagerness of these Mitsubishi engines.

The Persona is a very attractive package at the price. Buyers will have to do without the luxuries that are available with some modern mid-range cars, such as airbag, anti-lock brakes and sunroof. But this is value-for-money motoring — with enough input from the British team to ensure that all versions have essentials like an interior boot and fuel filler flap release, height-adjustable steering and good stereo systems.

Mr Brown says: "We were delighted to be asked our advice. This car brings a new dimension to our range. We now have a mid-range car which will attract many new drivers who want the extra size but are still looking carefully at the value-for-money package."

With the Persona added to the current Proton small cars, sales could top 18,000 next year, making the marque bigger in this country than either Skoda or Lada. There are already 60,000 happy Proton owners.

The rapid sales are impressive for any new brand but made more remarkable against the background of the worst market for new cars in recent memory.

Mr Brown relishes the battle, having started under the railway arches in his home town of Warrington, Cheshire, in 1964, paying 30 shillings a week for a tiny workshop.

Within 20 years, he has 13 garages. However, when he discovered the fledgeling car industry in Malaysia, he took the first plane and beat some of Britain's biggest companies to the rights to import Protons.

- *Proton Persona 1.6-litre (1.5-litre): top speed 116mph (108mph), 0 to 60mph in 10.8 seconds (12.1 sec.), fuel consumption average 39.3 mpg (40.5)*

KEVIN EASON

House of Lords — Law Report November 26 1993 — Queen's Bench Divisional Court

Decision related to trial on indictment

Regina v Manchester Crown Court and Others, Ex parte Director of Public Prosecutions

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Templeman, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Mustill

[Speeches November 25]

A decision by a trial judge determining whether or not the crown court had jurisdiction to try an indictment was a matter "relating to trial on indictment" within the meaning of section 29(3) of the Supreme Court Act 1981 and not, therefore, subject to judicial review by the Divisional Court.

The House of Lords so held in allowing appeals by Leslie John Huckfield, Trevor William Ennis and James Dowd against a decision of the Divisional Court (Lord Justice Leggatt and Mr Justice Pill) (*The Times* July 29, 1992; [1993] 1 WLR 693) to quash a decision of Mr Justice Morland at Manchester Crown Court on September 4, 1991, at the appellants' trial on charges of obtaining cheques by dishonesty. The judge had quashed the indictment and declared the proceedings invalid and of no effect as they related to the expenses claims of a Member of the European Parliament and the exercise of a criminal jurisdiction relating thereto would infringe the sovereignty of the European Parliament.

Section 29 of the Supreme Court Act 1981 provides: "(3) In relation to the jurisdiction of the crown court other than its jurisdiction in matters relating to trial on indictment, the High Court shall have such jurisdiction to make orders of *mandamus*, prohibition or *certiorari* as the High Court possesses in relation to the jurisdiction of an inferior court."

Mr Edward Fitzgerald for Mr Huckfield; Mr Richard Plender, QC, Mr Geoffrey Robertson, QC and Mr Gavin Millar for Mr Dowd and Mr Ennis; Mr Gerald Barling, QC, Mr Stephen Richards and Ms Helen Davies for the DPP.

LORD BROWNE-WILKINSON said that the House had reached the conclusion that the Divisional Court had not had jurisdiction to review the decision of the crown court and that the appeal had to be allowed on that ground. It had therefore been unnecessary to hear argument on the question whether the decision of Mr Justice Morland had been correct.

In *R v Central Criminal Court, Ex parte Randle* ([1991] 1 WLR 1087) and *R v Norwich Crown Court, Ex parte Belsham* ([1992] 1 WLR 54) the Divisional Court had held that it had jurisdiction to review decisions of crown court judges to stay criminal proceedings on the ground that such proceedings were an abuse of the process of the court.

The Divisional Court had reached that conclusion because it treated the "pointers" given by Lord Bridge in *In re Smalley* ([1985] AC 622) and *In re Sampson* ([1987] 1 WLR 194) as though they together constituted a comprehensive definition of the exclusionary words.

The decisions in *Randle* and *Belsham* were overruled by the House in *In re Ashton; R v Manchester Crown Court and Others, Ex parte DPP* (*The Times* May 7; [1993] 2 WLR 846). Lord Slynn again emphasised that Lord Bridge's helpful pointers did not purport to be a judicial definition of the meaning of the exclusionary words in section 29(3). The House held that an order for a stay was plainly an integral part of the trial, affected the conduct of the trial and fell within the ordinary meaning of the words of section 29(3).

Unfortunately, in the period between the decisions of the Divisional Court and the judgment of the House in *Ashton* the instant case came before the Divisional Court. After referring to *Randle* and *Belsham* Lord Justice Leggatt reached the conclusion that a decision whether or not a court had jurisdiction did not fall within the exclusionary words.

His Lordship strongly suspected that had it not been for the erroneous earlier decisions of the Divisional Court, the Divisional Court in the present case would have reached a different conclusion.

Once the law as laid down in *Randle* and *Belsham* was seen to be erroneous it became plain that the order of the crown court in the present case must have been made in the exercise of "its jurisdiction in matters relating to trial on indictment". What other jurisdiction could the crown court have been exercising? On any ordinary meaning of the words the question whether or not there was jurisdiction to try an indictment had to "relate" to trial on indictment.

The earlier decisions of the House established why judicial review of decisions taken in relation to trial on indictment was forbidden: to avoid delay.

In his Lordship's judgment, the case-by-case method of elucidating the meaning of section 29(3) had now gone far enough to make it possible to detect a further "helpful pointer". With one possible exception the only decisions of the crown court which had been held to be reviewable were those in which either the order was made under a wholly different jurisdiction, for example, binding over an acquitted defendant or the order sought to be reviewed had been made against someone other than the accused.

It might therefore be a helpful further pointer to the true construction of the section to ask the question: "Is the decision sought to be reviewed one arising in the issue between the Crown and the defendant formulated by the indictment (including the costs of such issue)?" If the answer was "yes" then to permit the decision to be challenged by judicial review might lead to delay in the trial.

If the answer was "no" the decision of the crown court was truly collateral to the indictment of the defendant and the judicial review of that decision would not delay his trial, therefore it might well not be excluded by the section.

It had to be emphasised again that that was not an attempt to give a comprehensive definition of the meaning of the statutory words: it was merely a third helpful pointer. There might be cases where it pointed in the wrong direction.

In particular, his Lordship expressed no view on the correctness of the decision in *R v Central Criminal Court, Ex parte Director of the Serious Fraud Office* (*The Times* September 8, 1992; [1993] 1 WLR 993). Although the Divisional Court in that case attached much weight to the erroneous decisions in *Randle* and *Belsham* the case concerned the special procedure laid down by the Criminal Justice Act 1987 in serious fraud cases and might raise special considerations.

If in future the question arose whether jurisdiction to entertain a prosecution was excluded by the alleged sovereignty of the European Parliament, the decision of the Divisional Court in the present case, having been made without jurisdiction, would not bind the trial judge and nor would that of Mr Justice Morland. It might well prove to be appropriate for the judge to refer the point to the European Court of Justice.

Lord Keith, Lord Templeman, Lord Jauncey and Lord Mustill agreed.

Solicitors: Christian Fisher & Co; Christian Fisher & Co; CPS, HQ.

Voluntary disclosure of public interest papers

Regina v Horseferry Road Magistrates Court, Ex parte Bennett (No 2)

Before Lord Justice Simon Brown and Mr Justice Buckley

[Reasons November 11]

Documents in a criminal case which were covered by a ministerial certificate claiming public interest immunity could be disclosed voluntarily by the prosecution without a ruling being sought from the court, provided that the Treasury Solicitor gave his consent and maintained a record of his approval having been made.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so stated in giving reasons for having allowed on October 19 an application for discovery requiring the Crown Prosecution Service to produce for inspection by Paul James Bennett a large number of documents.

Mr Alan Newman, QC and Mr Brian Jubb for Mr Bennett; Mr Colin Nicholls, QC, Mr Stephen Richards and Mr Robert Ward for the CPS.

LORD JUSTICE SIMON BROWN said that the House of Lords had held (*The Times* June 25; [1993] 3 WLR 90) that the High Court had power to enquire into the circumstances by which a person had been brought within the jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales and that the Divisional Court was the proper forum for deciding the matter.

In the light of that, the Divisional Court would at some future substantive hearing have to resolve the direct conflict which existed between the evidence filed by the parties. Certain documents would, at that time, become highly relevant.

Those documents had been covered by a ministerial certificate signed by the Home Secretary in July 1992 at a time when he was objecting to their production. The Home Secretary no longer objected to their use.

Presumably, once the House of Lords had made it necessary for the Divisional Court to determine the factual circumstances in which the applicant came to be within the jurisdiction, the critical importance of the documents to the just disposal of the proceedings became obvious and the Crown thought it right to drop its earlier objection to discovery.

The question before their Lordships was whether the CPS were entitled to take the decision to disclose such documents without referring the matter to the court for a ruling.

Mr Nicholls submitted that the public interest in enabling the prosecution to present its case effectively and with the benefit of material evidence was a public interest of considerable weight.

His Lordship accepted that submission as far as it went but said that it required two caveats.

First, the public interest in the prosecution's use of documents could never have the same weight as the public interest in the defendant having a proper opportunity of establishing his innocence.

Second, if the prosecution believed that documents assisted its cause rather than the defence it would inevitably be under the temptation to regard the public interest as better served by disclosing the documents than by withholding them in the interests of the integrity of the class. In such a case therefore it was plainly necessary that someone other than the CPS should be alert to the public interest in the immunity of the class documents and astute to protect it where appropriate.

As a matter of guidance, his Lordship said:

1 It was not necessary in every criminal case where, but for public interest immunity, documents would ordinarily fall to be disclosed as part of the material evidence gathered by the prosecution, for the CPS to seek the court's ruling. Provided the following safeguards were observed, voluntary disclosure of class documents could be made to the defence.

2 The express written approval of the Treasury Solicitor should first be obtained by the CPS. The Treasury Solicitor need not act in person but a responsible member of his department could be assigned the task.

3 In seeking such approval the CPS should submit to the Treasury Solicitor copies of the documents proposed to be disclosed, identify the public interest immunity class into which they fell and indicate the materiality of the documents to the proceedings in which it was proposed to disclose them.

4 The Treasury Solicitor should consult any other relevant government department and be satisfied that the balance fell clearly in favour of disclosure. The particular class of documents, their materiality to the proceedings and the extent to which disclosure would damage the public interest in the integrity of the class claim were all matters to be taken into account.

5 A permanent record of all approvals given for voluntary disclosure of documents should be maintained by the Treasury Solicitor so that the integrity of the class claim could not be weakened by repeated disclosures.

Mr Justice Buckley agreed.

Solicitors: Hallinan Blackburn Gittings & Nott; CPS, Southwark.

Where character is in issue

Regina v Micallef

Before Lord Justice Neill, Mr Justice Buckley and Sir Michael Davies

[Judgment November 4]

In a case where a defendant's character was in issue, unless a trial judge reached a clear conclusion that the defendant was not a man of good character, the standard direction as to the relevance of good or bad character should be given.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment, allowing the appeal of Carmelo Micallef against his conviction on July 21, 1992 at Inner London Crown Court (Judge Shindler, QC and a jury) of wounding with intent contrary to section 18 of the Offences against the Person Act 1861 and substituting a conviction of wounding contrary to section 20 of the 1961 Act. His jail sentence was reduced from four years to two.

Mr Andrew Munday, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Nicholas Graham Jones for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE BUCKLEY, giving the judgment of the court, said that following a dispute over custody of his son, the appellant voluntarily undertook not to assault, molest or communicate with the mother of his son or come within 500 yards of wherever she was living.

The appellant breached that undertaking and was found to be in contempt of court. He was committed to prison for 28 days but that term was suspended and the undertaking continued to run.

Subsequently, he attacked the mother with a knife, cutting her face. He was acquitted of attempted murder but convicted of wounding with intent.

The question of the appellant's intent and his character were very much in issue. In such circumstances, where there were no previous convictions, debate as to whether a defendant was or was not to be regarded as of good character and thus entitled to the standard direction, would usually be unhelpful.

Unless the trial judge reached the clear conclusion that the defendant was not a man of good character the direction should be given and could be tailored to present a fair and balanced picture to the jury by including factors to the defendant's detriment such as the breach of undertakings in the present case. Provided the relevance of good or bad character were clearly explained to the jury the court was confident that they could be left to weigh up the evidence they had heard.

In the instant case the judge did not explain the relevance of good character to the jury and it was not certain that the jury would have returned the same verdict had they received a proper explanation.

Accordingly, the appeal against conviction would be allowed and the lesser offence substituted.

Solicitors: CPS, Central Courts.

New mercantile court at Bristol for south-west England

Practice Direction (Mercantile Court: Bristol)

A new court to be called the Bristol Mercantile Court was planned for the hearing of cases of a commercial or business character in south-west England.

Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, so stated in a practice direction issued in the Queen's Bench Division on November 24.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE stated that:

1 With effect from January 10, 1994 there would be a new Queen's Bench list in the District Registry of Bristol, which would be known as the Bristol Mercantile Court List.

2 It would be possible to include in the Bristol Mercantile List any action which related to a commercial or business matter in broad sense, other than those which ought properly to be listed in the Chancery Division or before an official referee.

Thus, in particular, disputes relating to the sale of goods (national and international, and including commodities), the provision of services, carriage of goods, agency, banking (including credit arrangements and negotiable instruments), commercial fraud and professional negligence in the commercial field would generally qualify for inclusion.

3 At the commencement of an action the plaintiff might issue the originating process in the Bristol Mercantile Court. Subject to the Rules of the Supreme Court and the relevant paragraphs of the practice direction, an action might be transferred to the Bristol Mercantile Court. The originating process and all subsequent pleadings and other documents bearing the title of the action should be marked with the words "Bristol Mercantile Court", and documents coming into being after the transfer should be so marked.

4 One or more circuit judges should be designated as "Circuit Mercantile Judges in the Bristol Mercantile Court", and should, unless otherwise directed, hear all interlocutory applications in the Bristol Mercantile Court and be the judge at the trial of such actions in the court. Initially only one such judge should be so designated.

5 Such designated mercantile judges should sit as High Court judges appointed by the Lord Chancellor under section 9 of the Supreme Court Act 1981.

6 Actions in the Bristol Mercantile Court would be Queen's Bench actions governed by the relevant Rules of the Supreme Court and Order 72 (Commercial Actions) should not apply. Nonetheless the court would to a substantial extent follow Commercial Court practice as set out in the *Guide to Commercial Practice* (Appendix A to Order 72). In particular, the lodging and exchange of brief skeleton arguments, of chronologies, of *dramatis personae* and of a page-numbered core bundle would be required.

7 With the approval of the Lord Chief Justice or the Senior Presiding Judge, the presiding judges of the Western Circuit might from time to time issue further directions as to the practice and procedure to be adopted in the Bristol Mercantile Court.

8(1) A designated mercantile judge should have power: (a) on application by a party to an action proceeding in the Queen's Bench Division, to add the action to the Mercantile Court list; (b) to transfer an action in the list to (i) the Chancery Division (ii) an official referee (iii) a county court (iv) with the consent of the judge in charge of the relevant list, to another mercantile list; (c) on the application of a party, or on his own motion, to remove an action from the list, in which case it would remain a Queen's Bench action and would be tried only by a High Court judge subject to release by the presiding judges.

(2) Any application to transfer an action to the Commercial Court in London should be made to a judge of that court.

(3) Prior to the hearing of any application in the Chancery Division to transfer an action proceeding in that Division to the Mercantile Court, the consent of the mercantile judge to the proposed transfer should be obtained.

9 The commencement date set out in paragraph 1 above should not prevent the earlier issuing of process in the Bristol Mercantile Court nor the earlier transfer of cases to that court.

10 A party to an action in the Bristol Mercantile Court might apply to any High Court judge of the Queen's Bench Division or the Chancery Division, who was sitting on circuit, or to a judge of the Commercial Court in London, to hear any application in the Bristol Mercantile Court, such judge might, if he saw fit, proceed to hear the application.

11 The presiding judges of the Western Circuit might designate a circuit judge, or a Queen's Counsel, authorised under section 9 of the Supreme Court Act 1981, to act as a judge of the High Court to hear such matters proceeding in the Bristol Mercantile Court as might be released to him by the mercantile judge.

Jurisdiction clause justifies injunction for bank

Continental Bank NA v Akakos Compania Naviera SA and Others

Before Sir Stephen Brown, President, Lord Justice Steyn and Lord Justice Kennedy

[Judgment November 10]

A bank was entitled by virtue of an exclusive jurisdiction clause to an injunction restraining a group of borrowers and guarantors from bringing legal proceedings against it in Greece. The clause in the loan agreement showed a clear intention that the borrowers were obliged to submit disputes in connection with the loan facility to the English courts.

Article 17 of the Brussels Convention, scheduled to the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982, applied and took precedence over articles 21 and 22.

The Court of Appeal so stated when dismissing an appeal by 15 borrowers and three guarantors from the decision of Mr Justice Gatehouse who on August 23, 1991 had granted final injunctions restraining the borrowers from taking any further steps in the Greek proceedings.

Miss Barbara Dohmann, QC and Mr T. A. G. Beazley for the appellants; Mr Christopher Clarke, QC and Mr Mark Hapgood for the bank.

LORD JUSTICE STEYN, giving the judgment of the court, said that the first to fifteenth appellants were one-ship companies registered in Panama and Liberia. The sixteenth to eighteen appellants were three members of the Papalios family and were guarantors.

By a loan agreement of May 20, 1981, Continental Bank NA had granted the appellants a loan facility of US$56 million. The last quarterly instalment was paid in December 1981 and the bank contended that it was owed more than $32 million plus interest.

On October 4, 1991, the bank issued a writ in an English action against the borrowers and guarantors. However, on November 20, 1990 the appellants had commenced an action in Athens against the bank claiming damages against the bank and seeking a declaration that the guarantors had been released.

The cause of action was based on article 919 of the Greek Civil Code. The thrust of the claim was that the bank exercised its rights under the loan agreement contrary to business morality.

The complaint in the Greek proceedings was served on the bank in March 1991. Its response was to issue a writ in an English action seeking an injunction to restrain the appellants from continuing the Greek proceedings as they were in breach of an agreement conferring exclusive jurisdiction on English court to try any dispute. Mr Justice Gatehouse had found in favour of the bank.

Miss Dohmann had challenged the judge's construction of the exclusive jurisdiction clause.

However, the issue in the Greek proceedings was inextricably interwoven with the contractual rights and duties of the parties and the language of the jurisdiction clause showed an obligation on the appellants, but not the bank, to submit disputes in connection with the loan facility to England.

It was an undoubted fact that the Greek proceedings had been commenced before the English proceedings and it had been submitted that the Athens court was the court "first seised" within the meaning of articles 21 and 22 of the Brussels Convention and that the same cause of action was involved.

There was no discretionary power in the Convention itself to override the conclusive effect of an exclusive jurisdiction agreement which conformed with article 17. It followed that if article 17 applied, its provisions took precedence over the provisions of articles 21 and 22. The structure and logic of the Convention pointed convincingly to that conclusion. There was nothing in the Convention which was inconsistent with a power vesting in the English court to grant an injunction the objective of which was to secure enforcement of an exclusive jurisdiction agreement.

An injunction was the only effective remedy for the appellants' breach of contract. In the opinion of the court, the continuance of the Greek proceedings amounted to vexatious and oppressive conduct on the part of the appellants. The appeal would be dismissed.

Solicitors: Constant & Constant; Norton Rose.

Conditions have to be reasonable

Regina v Cleveland County Council, Ex parte Cleveland Care Homes Association

While neither the National Assistance Act 1948 nor the Registered Homes Act 1984 imposed a public law duty of restraint upon a local authority in the contractual terms it made with operators of registered homes, conditions imposed would not be upheld unless the authority had acted resonably in imposing them.

Mr Justice Potts so held in the Queen's Bench Division on November 12 when allowing an application by Cleveland Care Homes Association for judicial review of a decision on January 18, 1993 of Cleveland County Council to issue contracts to care home owners only on the basis that they signed certain terms which the applicants considered were onerous.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 and the Community Care (Residential Accommodation) Act 1992 had made fundamental changes, necessarily involving the private sector in the provision of residential care.

On the particular facts of the case, Cleveland County Council had sought to impose conditions compliance with which nullified the purpose of that legislation.

Correction

In *Moran v University College Salford (No 2)* (*The Times* November 23, the solicitor for Mr Moran was Miss Dora Christodoulou.

In *R v Legal Aid Board, Ex parte Higgins* (*The Times* November 19), Mr Matthew Ryder appeared as junior to Mr Phillip Engelman for Miss Higgins.

Ignorance is no attack on veracity

Regina v Goodwin

It should always remain open to a defendant to submit that he had no knowledge of an incriminating fact without that being interpreted as an imputation of a prosecution witness's veracity.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Farquharson; Mr Justice Pill and Mr Justice Alliott) so held on November 9 when allowing the appeal of Gary Goodwin against his conviction at Snaresbrook Crown Court (Mr Recorder Gould, QC and a jury) for possession of an offensive weapon.

LORD JUSTICE FARQUHARSON said that police, conducting a routine search, found a kitchen knife behind the cushions of the back seat of the defendant's car. At trial the defendant said that he had had no knowledge of the knife or of how it came to be in his car.

The judge ruled that he had imputed that the knife had been planted by the police and the prosecution put in evidence of a previous conviction for conspiracy to rob.

It was not for the trial judge to initiate an invitation to the prosecution to put in evidence of bad character. It had always to be open to the defendant to say that he had no knowledge without that necessarily importing an imputation.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE ESTATE OF ERIC ELMSLIE DECEASED
Any person or persons claiming any interest in the estate of the above mentioned who died on 1st December 1992 late of 78 Wood Lane, Harborne, Birmingham, is requested to contact Butler & Co, Solicitors, of 15 Highfield Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3DU, telephone number 021-456-3171.

LEGAL NOTICES

Dickins Limited
In Administrative Receivership
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a general meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above-named company will be held at P O Box 653, 30 Earlsbourne Terrace, 42nd Floor, London W2 6LF on 6th December 1993 at 12.00 hrs for the purpose of having a report laid before the meeting and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Administrative Receivers. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented.
Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers at Leonard Curtis & Co. not later than 12.00 hrs on 7th December 1993 details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
J.J. Schapira, ACA
Joint Administrative Receiver

Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 - Articles 351 & 352
Authorisation of Insolvency Practitioners
TAKE NOTE that I John Roger Hill of 20 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BH intend to apply to the Department of Economic Development under the provisions of the above Order for authorisation to act as an Insolvency Practitioner.
Any person having reason to believe that such authorisation should not be granted should, within 28 days of publication of this notice, communicate such reason to The Insolvency Service, Lindsay House, 8 - 14 Callender Street, Belfast BT1 5DU.

INSURANCE COMPANIES ACT 1982
SPHERE DRAKE INSURANCE P.L.C.
TRANSFER OF GENERAL MOTOR BUSINESS
1 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sphere Drake Insurance p.l.c. applies to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on 4th November 1993 for his approval, pursuant to section 51 of the Insurance Companies Act 1982, to transfer to Drake Insurance plc all of its rights and obligations under motor insurance policies written by it in the United Kingdom prior to 26th September 1993.
2 Copies of the Statement of Particulars of the proposed transfer are available for inspection at the offices of Sphere Drake Insurance p.l.c., 3rd Floor, 52-54 Leadenhall Street, London EC3A 2BJ from Monday to Friday from 9.00 am to 5.30 pm (attention: P.K. Walsh) from whom particulars may be inspected until 30th December 1993.
3. Written representations concerning the transfer may be sent to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Department of Trade and Industry, Insurance Division, 10-18 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0NN before 29th January 1994. The Secretary of State will not determine the application until after considering any representations made to him before that date.
CLYDE & CO

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In the Matters of Bela Bacon (Evesham) Limited, Newman Turner Publications Limited, Thomas Linnell (Boston) Limited, Wm Partington & Son Limited, John Copeman & Sons Limited, Eurocater Limited, Swiftserve Foods Limited, C R Hargreaves & Sons Limited, Belmont Seven Limited, Belmont Nine Limited.
The Insolvency Act and Rules 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106, I, Naresh Devchand Pethraj Shah of Baehr Lubbock Fine, Russell Bedford House, City Forum, 250 City Road, London EC1V 2QQ, give notice that on 11 November 1993 I was appointed Liquidator by resolutions of members.
Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named companies, which are being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 17th December 1993 to send in their full christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Naresh Devchand Pethraj Shah of Russell Bedford House, City Forum, 250 City Road, London, EC1V 2QQ, the Liquidator of the said Companies and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution.
Note. This notice is purely formal. All creditors have been or will be paid in full.
Dated 17 November 1993
Naresh Devchand Pethraj Shah
Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF CANEM SYSTEMS LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that Nicholas J Miller and Alan R Price, Licensed Insolvency Practitioners of Messrs Casner, Beckman and Partners, Hobson House, 155 Gower Street, London WC1E 6BJ were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above company by the members and creditors on 12 November 1993.
Dated this 18th Day of November 1993.
N J Miller and A R Price
Joint Liquidators

IN THE MATTER OF LITTLEOVER CONSTRUCTION LIMITED AND
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the creditors of the above named company convened under the provisions of S.98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, and held on 18 November 1993, I, Joan Yvonne Verrill, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5UU was duly appointed Liquidator of the company.
Dated this 18th November 1993
J Y Verrill

IN THE MATTER OF TORQ LTD AND
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the creditors of the above named company convened under the provisions of S.98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, and held on 18th November 1993, I, Melvyn Julian Carter, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5UU was duly appointed Liquidator of the company.
Dated this 19 November 1993
M J Carter

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF FEATUREVALUE LIMITED IN LIQUIDATION (FORMERLY BERLEI (UK) LIMITED)
The Liquidator of Featurevalue Limited gives notice that he intends to make a final dividend to the non preferential unsecured creditors of the company on or after 31 December 1993.
Creditors who have not already done so, must send details in writing of any claim against the company to the Liquidator, P R C Dereham of Price Waterhouse at 31 Great George Street, Bristol, BS1 5QQ, by 31 December 1993 which is the last day for submitting claims. A creditor who does not make a claim by that date will not be included in the proposed distribution.
Any creditor who has not received a formal acknowledgement of any claim submitted and / or an earlier dividend payment should contact the Liquidator at the above address to confirm that they are included within those creditors entitled to a distribution.
P R C Dereham, Liquidator.

Notice of appointment of liquidator
Voluntary winding up Creditors
Pursuant to section 109 of The Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 692874.
Name of company: Holt & Day Limited. Nature of business: Plumbing & Heating Engineers. Address of registered office: Trevor House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ. Type of Liquidation: Creditors Voluntary. Liquidator: Richard Andrew Segal A. Segal & Co. Trevor House 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ. Office Holder No: 002666. Date of appointment: 24 November 1993. By whom appointed: The Members & Creditors. Date: 24 November 1993.

Notice of Appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers
Office Systems (UK) Limited
Registered Number: 2011191.
Nature of Business: Office Equipment Retailer. Trade Classification: 21. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 22 November 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers, Lloyds Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Melvyn L. Rose FCA and Brian L. Lasky FCA Office Holder Numbers: 2561 and 7935. Address: Elliot, Woolfe & Rose Lidgra House 280 Kingsbury Road, London NW9 0BB.

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
Vahdland Limited (In Liquidation)
Registered Number: 1660191.
Trading Names: Vahdland Limited. Nature of Business: Dealers in Property & Estates. Trade Classification: 36. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 11 November 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: Dunbar Bank Plc. 1 D Holland Great Central House Great Central Avenue South Ruislip Middlesex Office holder no 2346. Administrative Receiver

The Insolvency Act 1986
ORBITAL ACOUSTICS LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that G.C.A. Morphitis of Cape & Dalgleish, 401 St John Street, London EC1V 4LH, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 17th November 1993.
Dated this 19th day of November 1993
G.C.A. Morphitis, Liquidator

LEGAL NOTICES

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
WHARTON - ACROW CRANES LIMITED
(IN RECEIVERSHIP)
Registered Number: 1697964
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at 10.00 am on Friday the 17th of December 1993, at the offices of Price Waterhouse, York House, York Street, Manchester M2 4WS, for the purpose of receiving a report covering the background to and progress of the receivership together with other matters stipulated by Section 48(2) of the said Act.
A form of proxy can be obtained from the offices of Price Waterhouse, York House, York Street, Manchester M2 4WS. If this is to be used at the meeting it must be completed and lodged at the above address not later than 12 noon on Thursday the 16th day of December 1993, together with details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the Company.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or to be represented at the Meeting.
Creditors should note that the Meeting is not for the purpose of appointing a liquidator to the Company.
Dated this 19th day of November 1993.
I C Powell ACA
Joint Administrative Receiver

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
LIFTPOD DESIGN SERVICES LIMITED
(IN RECEIVERSHIP)
Registered Number: 2121553
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at 10.00 am on Friday the 17th of December 1993, at the offices of Price Waterhouse, York House, York Street, Manchester M2 4WS, for the purpose of receiving a report covering the background to and progress of the receivership together with other matters stipulated by Section 48(2) of the said Act.
A form of proxy can be obtained from the offices of Price Waterhouse, York House, York Street, Manchester M2 4WS. If this is to be used at the meeting it must be completed and lodged at the above address not later than 12 noon on Thursday the 16th day of December 1993, together with details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the Company.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or to be represented at the Meeting.
Creditors should note that the Meeting is not for the purpose of appointing a liquidator to the Company.
Dated this 19th day of November 1993.
I C Powell ACA
Joint Administrative Receiver

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
WHARTON- ACROW GROUP LIMITED
(IN RECEIVERSHIP)
Registered Number: 1844507
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at 10.00 am on Friday the 17th of December 1993, at the offices of Price Waterhouse, York House, York Street, Manchester M2 4WS, for the purpose of receiving a report covering the background to and progress of the receivership together with other matters stipulated by Section 48(2) of the said Act.
A form of proxy can be obtained from the offices of Price Waterhouse, York House, York Street, Manchester M2 4WS. If this is to be used at the meeting it must be completed and lodged at the above address not later than 12 noon on Thursday the 16th day of December 1993, together with details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the Company.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or to be represented at the Meeting.
Creditors should note that the Meeting is not for the purpose of appointing a liquidator to the Company.
Dated this 19th day of November 1993.
I C Powell ACA
Joint Administrative Receiver

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
ELGAR GATE EMT INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 3.9 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of Elgar Gate EMT International Limited will be held at No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL on the 15th day of December 1993 at 11.30 am. The Receivers' report will be presented to the meeting and the opportunity given to elect a committee to represent the creditors.
A Creditor will be entitled to vote at the meeting only if details in writing of the debt claimed to be due to him by the company have been given to the administrative receiver at No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL, no later than noon on the business day before the date fixed for the meeting, and the claim has been admitted for voting in accordance with the Insolvency Rules 1986.
Creditors may vote either in person or by proxy and a proxy should be lodged with the administrative receiver before the meeting. A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance (if any) of his debts after deducting the value of his security estimated by him. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.
Dated the 24th day of November 1993.
A J Barrett
Administrative Receiver

The Insolvency Act 1986
MASHAV (UK) Limited
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 3rd November 1993.
Dated this 17th day of November 1993.
M R Dorrington, Liquidator

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Enthusiastic Parrott has hallmark of champion

BY PHIL YATES

BY REVERTING to his roots in the game, John Parrott, who reached the semi-finals of the Royal Liver Assurance United Kingdom snooker championship in Preston yesterday, has rekindled an enthusiasm for practice.

In recent years, Parrott, a 9-5 quarter-final winner against Nigel Bond, has played the majority of his non-competitive snooker in the front room of his home on Merseyside. Too many distractions have led him to rethink that policy.

"It was always too convenient to stop playing for a cup of tea or to watch a television programme," Parrott said. The 1991 world champion decided a stricter regime was required and has been making daily visits to a club in Liverpool.

Parrott explained: "I'm usually a dedicated player, but I have been even more so this season. Going back to the old snooker hall has helped me enjoy practice again. It's no longer a chore and the variety that's been added to my routine has really helped."

Having laid a solid foundation by establishing a 6-2 lead on Wednesday, Parrott briefly appeared vulnerable as Bond fought back to trail only 7-5. Bond, from Matlock, included runs of 67 and 45 in winning three of the opening four frames yesterday afternoon and he squandered a clear opportunity to fashion a decisive clearance in the other by running out of position on the pink.

Unhesitatingly, Parrott potted the pink for 7-3 and it was his ability to cope in an increasingly tight match that stood him in good stead.

Parrott admitted that, at 7-5, recollections of Jimmy White's 9-7 third-round defeat by Darren Morgan, after he had led 6-2, were impossible to banish. Despite this, he constructed a run of 91 for 8-5 before he comfortably won the fourteenth frame to secure an appearance in the semi-finals for the fourth consecutive year.

Parrott, who did not allow Bond to score a point in the closing two frames, said: "There is reverse psychology at play when you've got a good lead. The pressure is on you, but even so this is the best I've felt, confidence wise, since I won here two years ago."

Steve Davis exhibited the composure that can only result from a wealth of experience while Ronnie O'Sullivan displayed the inconsistency of youth as they shared the first eight frames of the match on the other table.

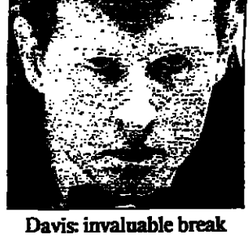
O'Sullivan, who beat Alan McManus, the provisional world No 3, in the first round and Ken Doherty, the season's leading money-winner, in the last 16, exploited a series of elementary mistakes by Davis to lead 4-0.

Davis missed a red from short range in each of the first two frames. O'Sullivan, 17, compiled breaks of 62 and 73 and it was obvious that his opponent's reputation would have no effect on his belligerent approach.

In the third frame, the former world junior champion was in first with 46 and left Davis needing three snookers on the colours. Davis, a master craftsman in such situations, accrued the necessary penalty points only to miss the brown with a winning clearance at his mercy.

Another glaring error on a red from Davis in the next frame enabled O'Sullivan to move 4-0 ahead. The mid-session interval then proved invaluable for Davis. As O'Sullivan's momentum was broken, Davis had time to gather his thoughts and he dominated the remaining frames to draw level.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: J Parrott (Eng) bt N Bond (Eng), 9-5; S Davis (Eng) level with R O'Sullivan (Eng), 4-4.



Davis: invaluable break



CASCOLOR

Competitors must carry both lake and bunker to reach the safety of the green at the impressive 8th hole on the testing South Course

Palmer's traps are set to catch unwary

Mel Webb's guide to the course highlights some of the hazards best avoided by those playing at La Manga

BEWARE the sands of La Manga, for they are heartbreakers. The competitors in the national final of *The Times* Olivetti Corporate Golf Challenge, which starts tomorrow, should heed the warning. If they do not, misery awaits.

The South Course at the Hyatt La Manga Club Resort has always been a tough test



of golf — the Spanish Open was held here several times in the Seventies and, for many years, it was the stage for the PGA European Tour's version of the Chinese water torture, the qualifying school. It has boosted many a flagging career and it has launched others — Ian Woosnam, for example, came here three times before he got his player's card. It was tough enough then. Today it is even tougher.

Arnold Palmer is the man to take the credit, or the blame, for the changes that have been wrought to the course. Palmer, who won the Spanish Open at La Manga in 1975, was called in a little over a year ago to make the course a more demanding test for the longer-hitting player of the Nineties with his carbon shafts, metal-headed woods and improved ball technology.

Palmer took a look at the course, one of three at the resort, and set his design team to work on the project, with most attention being paid to the bunkers.

Some were reshaped, some that had been effectively taken out of play were relocated in more threatening positions and some were built where previously there had been no sand at all. The result, and the difference in the course's degree of difficulty, is stunning.

Like most good ideas, the changes are simple but supremely effective and the money that has been spent — almost £10 million — makes La Manga's candidature for the right to stage the Ryder Cup in 1997, which has already been promised to Spain, even more valid.

There is not a bad hole on the course, there are several very good ones and a few that rate with the best among the inland courses of continental Europe.

The 8th, a par three of 205 yards from the yellow tees, is without doubt the signature hole. The tee has been moved into a more challenging position and a bunker to the right of the green has been enlarged and extended backwards so that it now forms a huge expanse of beach sloping gently down to a lake. There is more sand to the left, but that is the side to be if the green is to be missed at all. The players in our competition can forget all about Stableford points if they stray even slightly to the right.

The first short hole, the 5th, is a gem, too. At just under 200 yards, it is long enough for a low iron to be drawn out of most bags, but a green that is shaped a little like a clover leaf and bunkers nudging into the putting surface make things that bit more interesting. At its best, it is a testing hole; if the man placing the pins is feeling particularly liverish on the morning in question, it could be next door to impossible.

The 9th, the second par five, is, at 575 yards, a genuine three-shotter for even the most powerful and the 133-yard 12th has one of Palmer's new bunkers thrusting a long finger of sand in front of the green. The 13th, another par five, has out of bounds very tight on the left side, an awful threat to the habitual hooker, and the 16th has a narrow landing area off the tee caused by another relocated bunker.

Both, though, are but nothing when compared to the home hole, a serious competitor to the 8th for the title of best hole on the course.

At 470 yards, this par five is not made by its length, but rather its call for precise course management. The second shot needs to be hit just short of a deep barranca — a dry water course — and from there, with about 90 yards to go, there are two wide, shallow bunkers in front of the green.

It is a fine finishing hole to a tough and demanding golf course. For the 20 eager amateurs in our competition, the challenge — in more ways than one — awaits.

Faxon hits putting heights as Norman suffers

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN MELBOURNE

AS THE first day of the Australian Open ground endlessly on at the Metropolitan club here yesterday, Greg Norman, the championship's star attraction, was at home in bed, running hot and cold with a fever.

His chills, however, were nothing to those suffered by officialdom at the thought of losing Norman. Fully aware of his responsibilities, he had played and staggered his way to a round of 74, two over par, that lacked any of his usual sparkle.

At least the crowds who followed him at an early hour were not deprived of spectacular scoring for Brad Faxon, one of Norman's playing partners, obliged with a 65 that equalled the course record set by Norman in the Victorian Open ten years ago. It left the quiet American two shots ahead of Grant Waite, of New Zealand, and the Australian trio of Ian Baker-Finch, Peter Senior and David Iwazaki-Smith.

Norman, who is usually gregariousness itself, hurried home without even a pause for the television cameras, but later phoned in to report that he felt so weak that his body was not functioning properly. If it had been a lesser tournament, he would probably have withdrawn, but, as Faxon acknowledged, the Australian Open is "not just any old event".

Faxon, who finished 55th on the United States money list after an indifferent year, is prone to lack concentration early in his roumds, but he was on his mettle from the start, simply because he was paired with Norman. He is renowned as a putter and yesterday he showed why.

The last two of his nine birdies, at the 17th and 18th, were courtesy of putts of 50 feet and 40 feet respectively. He also birdied all four of the par fives, which are on the short side, with the 8th, which is 476 yards, the longest.

Sandy Lyle struggled manfully to a level-par 72 despite dropping two shots in the first three holes. A few days ago, that might have been that, but the Scot is working with Noel Blundell, a sports psychologist, who has helped him before and already seems to have had an effect here.

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Two tours will highlight year

THE first visit by South Africa for 29 years is the feature of the 1994 English season, the full fixtures for which were released yesterday (Marcus Williams writes).

Sharing the summer with New Zealand — as they did when they were last here, in 1965 — South Africa open their tour with a one-day match against the Earl of Carnarvon's XI at Highclere, near Newbury, and will play three Test matches, two one-day internationals and nine county matches.

England's international players will be busy in the months ahead. Between February 1994 and February 1995, England have 16 Tests and up to 20 one-day internationals, embracing trips to West Indies and Australia, the incoming visits from New Zealand and South Africa and a full county programme. The team is not due back from West Indies until after Middlesex, the county champions, begin the opening game at Lord's against England A on April 21.

The county format is much the same as last summer. The four-day championship continues, but the Sunday league is likely to revert to 40 overs a side.

April

13-UNIVERSITY MATCHES (three days)
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Nottinghamshire
The Parks: Oxford University v Durham
16-UNIVERSITY MATCHES (three days)
*Fenner's: Cambridge University v Northamptonshire
The Parks: Oxford University v Hampshire
19-OTHER MATCH (four days)
Uxbridge: Middlesex II v England Under-19
20-UNIVERSITY MATCHES (three days)
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Kent
The Parks: Oxford University v Glamorgan
21-TETLEY BITTER SHIELD (four days)
*Lord's: Middlesex v England A
23-UNIVERSITY MATCH (one day)
The Parks: Combined Universities v Gloucestershire
24-UNIVERSITY MATCH (one day)
Oxford (Christ Church): Combined Universities v Kent
26-BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
First round
The Parks: Combined Universities v Lancashire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Ireland
Lord's: Middlesex v Northamptonshire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Minor Counties
The Oval: Surrey v Somerset
Hove: Sussex v Scotland
26-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
*Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Durham
*Bristol: Gloucestershire v Somerset
*Southampton: Hampshire v Essex
*Leicester: Leicestershire v Northamptonshire
*The Oval: Surrey v Worcestershire
*Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Glamorgan
OTHER MATCHES
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Yorkshire (four days)
The Parks: Oxford University v Nottinghamshire (three days)
29-TOUR MATCH (one day)
Southgate: England Amateur XI v New Zealanders
30-UNIVERSITY MATCH (three days)
*Fenner's: Cambridge University v Middlesex

May

1-TOUR MATCH (one day)
Arundel: Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk's XI v New Zealanders
OTHER MATCH (one day)
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Yorkshire
2-TOUR MATCH (one day)
The Oval: Surrey v New Zealanders
4-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
Worcester: Worcestershire v New Zealanders
5-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Stockton-on-Tees: Durham v Essex
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Sussex
Southampton: Hampshire v Derbyshire
Canterbury: Kent v Nottinghamshire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Surrey
Lord's: Middlesex v Yorkshire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Glamorgan
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Leicestershire
7-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
*Taunton: Somerset v New Zealanders
UNIVERSITY MATCH (three days)
*Fenner's: Cambridge University v Worcestershire
8-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Stockton-on-Tees: Durham v Essex
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Sussex
Southampton: Hampshire v Derbyshire
Canterbury: Kent v Nottinghamshire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Surrey
Lord's: Middlesex v Yorkshire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Glamorgan
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Leicestershire
10-BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Second round
Derby: Derbyshire v Combined Universities or Lancashire
Stockton-on-Tees: Durham v Worcestershire
Chelmsford: Essex v Leicestershire or Ireland
Southampton: Hampshire v Yorkshire
Canterbury: Kent v Gloucestershire
Lord's or Northampton: Middlesex or Northamptonshire v Warwickshire
Trent Bridge or Oxford: Nottinghamshire or Minor Counties v Sussex or Scotland
The Oval or Taunton: Surrey or Somerset v Glamorgan
12-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
Lord's: Middlesex v New Zealanders
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Chelmsford: Essex v Kent
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Yorkshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Somerset
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Durham
The Oval: Surrey v Derbyshire
Hove: Sussex v Hampshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Gloucestershire
14-UNIVERSITY MATCHES (three days)
*Fenner's: Cambridge University v Lancashire
The Parks: Oxford University v Warwickshire
15-TOUR MATCH (one day)
Northampton: Northamptonshire v New Zealanders
AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Chelmsford: Essex v Kent
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Yorkshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Somerset
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Durham
The Oval: Surrey v Derbyshire
Hove: Sussex v Hampshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Gloucestershire
17-TOUR MATCH (one day)
Leicester: Leicestershire v New Zealanders
18-UNIVERSITY MATCH (three days)
The Parks: Oxford University v Leicestershire
19-TEXACO TROPHY
EDGBASTON: ENGLAND v NEW ZEALAND (first one-day international)
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Worcestershire
Gateshead Fell: Durham v Gloucestershire
Southampton: Hampshire v Middlesex
Canterbury: Kent v Lancashire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Sussex
Taunton: Somerset v Warwickshire
The Oval: Surrey v Northamptonshire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Essex
21-TEXACO TROPHY
LORD'S: ENGLAND v NEW ZEALAND (second one-day international)
22-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v Worcestershire
Gateshead Fell: Durham v Gloucestershire
Southampton: Hampshire v Middlesex
Canterbury: Kent v Lancashire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Sussex
Taunton: Somerset v Warwickshire
The Oval: Surrey v Northamptonshire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Essex
24-BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Quarter-finals
TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
Southampton or Headingley: Hampshire or Yorkshire v New Zealanders
26-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Ilkeston: Derbyshire v Nottinghamshire
Gloucester: Gloucestershire v Surrey
Southport: Lancashire v Somerset
Leicester: Leicestershire v Kent
Lord's: Middlesex v Warwickshire
Hove: Sussex v Glamorgan
Worcester: Worcestershire v Northamptonshire
29-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
Chelmsford: Essex v New Zealanders
UNIVERSITY MATCH (three days)
The Parks: Oxford University v Yorkshire
29-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Ilkeston: Derbyshire v Nottinghamshire
Gloucester: Gloucestershire v Surrey
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Somerset
Leicester: Leicestershire v Kent
Lord's: Middlesex v Warwickshire
Hove: Sussex v Glamorgan
Worcester: Worcestershire v Northamptonshire

June

2-FIRST CORNHILL TEST MATCH
*TRENT BRIDGE: ENGLAND v NEW ZEALAND
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Chelmsford: Essex v Gloucestershire
Swansea: Glamorgan v Surrey
Tunbridge Wells: Kent v Sussex
Lord's: Middlesex v Worcestershire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Lancashire
Taunton: Somerset v Hampshire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Durham
Middlesbrough: Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire
5-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Chelmsford: Essex v Gloucestershire
Swansea: Glamorgan v Surrey
Tunbridge Wells: Kent v Sussex
Lord's: Middlesex v Worcestershire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Lancashire
Taunton: Somerset v Hampshire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Durham
Headingley: Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire
7-BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Semi-finals
Lord's: Middlesex v Durham
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Warwickshire
The Oval: Surrey v Leicestershire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Sussex
Headingley: Yorkshire v Hampshire
TOUR MATCH (one day)
Highclere: Earl of Carnarvon's Invitation XI v South Africans
25-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
*Derby: Derbyshire v New Zealanders
*Canterbury: Kent v South Africans
UNIVERSITY MATCH (three days)
*Bristol: Gloucestershire v Cambridge University
26-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Ilford: Essex v Nottinghamshire
Colwyn Bay: Glamorgan v Lancashire
Lord's: Middlesex v Durham
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Warwickshire
The Oval: Surrey v Leicestershire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Sussex
Headingley: Yorkshire v Hampshire
28-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
Hove: Sussex v South Africans
UNIVERSITY MATCH (three days)
Lord's: Oxford v Cambridge
30-THIRD CORNHILL TEST MATCH
OLD TRAFFORD: ENGLAND v NEW ZEALAND
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Middlesex
Darlington: Durham v Surrey
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Glamorgan
Maidstone: Kent v Yorkshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Essex
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Northamptonshire
Taunton: Somerset v Worcestershire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Lancashire

July

2-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
*Southampton: Hampshire v South Africans
3-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v Middlesex
Darlington: Durham v Surrey
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Glamorgan
Maidstone: Kent v Yorkshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Essex
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Northamptonshire
Taunton: Somerset v Worcestershire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Lancashire
6-NATWEST TROPHY, second round
March or Southampton: Cambridgeshire or Hampshire v Berkshire or Kent
Bowdon or Darlington: Cheshire or Durham v Gloucestershire or Derbyshire
Netherfield or Leicester: Cumberland or Leicestershire v Warwickshire or Bedfordshire
Exmouth or Headingley: Devon or Yorkshire v Oxfordshire or Somerset
Cardiff or Sleaford: Glamorgan or Lincolnshire v Sussex or Essex
Colwyn Bay or Uxbridge: Minor Counties Wales or Middlesex v Northamptonshire or Ireland
Lakenham or Worcester: Norfolk or Worcestershire v Northumberland or Nottinghamshire
The Oval or Stone: Surrey or Staffordshire v Lancashire or Scotland
TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
Derby or Bristol: Derbyshire or Gloucestershire v South Africans
8-TOUR MATCH (one day)
Comber: Ireland v New Zealanders
9-BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
LORD'S: FINAL
10-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v Durham
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Somerset
Southampton: Hampshire v Essex
Leicester: Leicestershire v Northamptonshire
The Oval: Surrey v Worcestershire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Glamorgan
(matches involving the Benson and Hedges Cup finalists will be played on July 12)
TOUR MATCHES (one day)
Dublin (Malahide): Ireland v New Zealanders
Glasgow (Titwood): Scotland v South Africans
12-COSTCUTTER CUP
Harrogate (three days)
12-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
Chester-le-Street: Durham v South Africans
14-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Southend: Essex v Glamorgan
Portsmouth: Hampshire v Gloucestershire
Canterbury: Kent v Worcestershire
Blackpool: Lancashire v Derbyshire
Taunton: Somerset v Nottinghamshire
Guildford: Surrey v Warwickshire
Arundel: Sussex v Middlesex
Harrogate: Yorkshire v Leicestershire
16-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
*Northampton: Northamptonshire v South Africans
17-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Southend: Essex v Glamorgan
Portsmouth: Hampshire v Gloucestershire
Canterbury: Kent v Worcestershire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Derbyshire
Taunton: Somerset v Nottinghamshire
Guildford: Surrey v Warwickshire
Arundel: Sussex v Middlesex
Scarborough: Yorkshire v Leicestershire
21-FIRST CORNHILL TEST MATCH
*LORD'S: ENGLAND v SOUTH AFRICA
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Durham University: Durham v Leicestershire
Abergavenny: Glamorgan v Kent
Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Yorkshire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Middlesex
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Derbyshire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Surrey
Hove: Sussex v Somerset
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Essex
Worcester: Worcestershire v Hampshire
24-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Durham University: Durham v Leicestershire
Ebbw Vale: Glamorgan v Kent
Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Yorkshire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Middlesex
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Derbyshire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Surrey
Hove: Sussex v Somerset
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Essex
Worcester: Worcestershire v Hampshire
26-NATWEST TROPHY
Quarter-finals
27-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
Trent Bridge or Old Trafford: Nottinghamshire or Lancashire v South Africans
28-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Warwickshire
Durham University: Durham v Yorkshire
Swansea: Glamorgan v Somerset
Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Kent
Southampton: Hampshire v Northamptonshire
Uxbridge: Middlesex v Essex
The Oval: Surrey v Sussex
30-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
*Leicester: Leicestershire v South Africans
31-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Warwickshire
Durham University: Durham v Yorkshire
Swansea: Glamorgan v Somerset
Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Kent
Southampton: Hampshire v Northamptonshire
Uxbridge: Middlesex v Essex
The Oval: Surrey v Sussex

August

4-SECOND CORNHILL TEST MATCH
*HEADINGLEY: ENGLAND v SOUTH AFRICA
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Gloucestershire
Chelmsford: Essex v Lancashire
Canterbury: Kent v Hampshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Glamorgan
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Sussex
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire
Taunton: Somerset v Durham
Worcester: Worcestershire v Warwickshire
OTHER MATCH (one day)
Cardiff: England Under-19 v India Under-19
6-OTHER MATCH (one day)
Bristol: England Under-19 v India Under-19
7-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Gloucestershire
Chelmsford: Essex v Lancashire
Canterbury: Kent v Hampshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Glamorgan
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Sussex
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire
Taunton: Somerset v Durham
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Worcestershire
9-NATWEST TROPHY
Semi-finals
OTHER MATCH (one day)
Jesmond: England XI v Rest of World XI
10-OTHER MATCH (one day)
Jesmond: England XI v Rest of World XI
TOUR MATCH (three days)
Torquay: Minor Counties v South Africans
11-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Colchester: Essex v Surrey
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Northamptonshire
Canterbury: Kent v Durham
Leicester: Leicestershire v Worcestershire
Lord's: Middlesex v Somerset
Eastbourne: Sussex v Derbyshire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Nottinghamshire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Lancashire
OTHER MATCH (four days)
*Taunton: England Under-19 v India Under-19
13-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
*Pontypridd: Glamorgan v South Africans
14-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Colchester: Essex v Surrey
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Northamptonshire
Canterbury: Kent v Durham
Leicester: Leicestershire v Worcestershire
Lord's: Middlesex v Somerset
Eastbourne: Sussex v Derbyshire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Nottinghamshire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Lancashire
18-THIRD CORNHILL TEST MATCH
*THE OVAL: ENGLAND v SOUTH AFRICA
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Kent
Hartlepool: Durham v Glamorgan
Southampton: Hampshire v Surrey
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Gloucestershire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Sussex
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Middlesex
Weston-super-Mare: Somerset v Essex
Kidderminster: Worcestershire v Nottinghamshire
Scarborough: Yorkshire v Warwickshire
21-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v Kent
Hartlepool: Durham v Glamorgan
Southampton: Hampshire v Surrey
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Gloucestershire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Sussex
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Middlesex
Weston-super-Mare: Somerset v Essex
Worcester: Worcestershire v Nottinghamshire
Scarborough: Yorkshire v Warwickshire
25-TEXACO TROPHY
EDGBASTON: ENGLAND v SOUTH AFRICA (first one-day international)
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Leicestershire
Portsmouth: Hampshire v Durham
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Kent
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Lancashire
The Oval: Surrey v Middlesex
Hove: Sussex v Warwickshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Yorkshire
OTHER MATCH (four days)
*Headingley: England Under-19 v India Under-19
27-TEXACO TROPHY
OLD TRAFFORD: ENGLAND v SOUTH AFRICA (second one-day international)
28-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Neath: Glamorgan v Leicestershire
Portsmouth: Hampshire v Durham
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Kent
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Lancashire
The Oval: Surrey v Middlesex
Hove: Sussex v Warwickshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Yorkshire
29-McCAIN CHALLENGE (one day)
Scarborough: President's XI v South Africans
30-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Chelmsford: Essex v Sussex
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Leicestershire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Worcestershire
Worksop: Nottinghamshire v Glamorgan
Taunton: Somerset v Northamptonshire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Hampshire
Sheffield: Yorkshire v Derbyshire
31-TESCO INTERNATIONAL MATCH (three days)
Scarborough: President's XI v South Africans

September

3-NATWEST TROPHY
LORD'S: FINAL
NORTHERN ELECTRIC TROPHY (one day)
Scarborough: Yorkshire v Durham
4-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Chelmsford: Essex v Sussex
Moreton-in-Marsh: Gloucestershire v Leicestershire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Worcestershire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Glamorgan
Taunton: Somerset v Northamptonshire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Hampshire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Derbyshire
5-TETLEY FESTIVAL TROPHY
Scarborough (three days)
BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY
Final (one day)
8-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Essex
Stockton-on-Tees: Durham v Lancashire
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Worcestershire
Canterbury: Kent v Somerset
Leicester: Leicestershire v Hampshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Gloucestershire
Scarborough: Yorkshire v Surrey
OTHER MATCH (four days)
*Edgbaston: England Under-19 v India Under-19
11-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v Essex
Stockton-on-Tees: Durham v Lancashire
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Worcestershire
Canterbury: Kent v Somerset
Leicester: Leicestershire v Hampshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Gloucestershire
Scarborough: Yorkshire v Surrey
15-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Chelmsford: Essex v Northamptonshire
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Warwickshire
Southampton: Hampshire v Glamorgan
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Leicestershire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Middlesex
Taunton: Somerset v Derbyshire
The Oval: Surrey v Kent
Hove: Sussex v Yorkshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Durham
18-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Chelmsford: Essex v Northamptonshire
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Warwickshire
Southampton: Hampshire v Glamorgan
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Leicestershire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Middlesex
Taunton: Somerset v Derbyshire
The Oval: Surrey v Kent
Hove: Sussex v Yorkshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Durham

* match includes Sunday play

Other matches at Lord's

May 4: MCC v MCC Young Cricketers
June 28: Eton v Harrow
July 12: MCC v MCC Schools
July 13: MCC Schools v NAYC
July 14: NCA YC v Combined Services
Aug 17-18: MCC v Scotland
Aug 24: Minor Counties knockout final
Aug 28: Abbot Ale club championship final
Aug 28: Village championship final
Sep 6: MCC v Holders Hill CC, Barbados

KENNY ROGGER



Mabbutt, the Tottenham captain, is carried off after a challenge with Fashanu that left him with a fractured skull on Wednesday night

Mabbutt is victim of brutal trend

Rob Hughes believes the combative nature of the British game led to the Tottenham captain's head injury

IN THE chill of the Norfolk night air and the bitterness of defeat on Wednesday, Mike Walker, the Norwich manager, made comparisons between the honesty of British football and what amounts to the cheating elements of continental players, specifically those of Internazionale, whose team had just beaten his in the Uefa Cup. He was not to know that Gary Mabbutt was at that moment in a London hospital, where last night he was having surgery on a fractured skull.

Mabbutt's injury was the direct result of the brutal trends in English football. Mabbutt, 32, is a triumph of football propriety and leadership over the handicap of diabetes: a gentleman of the playing area skirmishes, but now one whose career lies in the balance after his head met the left elbow of John Fashanu, the Wimbledon forward. "I feel terrible, as I always do when somebody's injured," Fashanu commented.

Keith Hackett, the referee, a man of more than 1,000 games in charge, had given neither a free kick nor any kind of admonishment. He had concluded that the incident was part of the aerial combat that is a consequence of the long-ball game, the crude and primitive method that even the hierarchy of the FA excuses.

When, yesterday, Hackett accepted Tottenham's invitation to view the video, he conceded that the elbow did catch Mabbutt, but added: "The question of intent remains questionable."

It is ever thus when two competitive athletes are throwing everything at the ball and trying to prove malice in a sporting arena in court is close to impossible.

Nevertheless, the dichotomy between the so-called honesty of British play and the feigning of injury of continental players still has managers complaining when they first come up against foreign opposition. Walker is usually one of Britain's more rational and more honest club managers. What incensed him on Wednesday was his belief that some of the yellow cards that are jeopardising Norwich's chance of progressing in the Uefa Cup were caused by exaggerated dives from opposing players.

"There is nothing we can do about it, but in England we are allowed to tackle. It doesn't help if people dive on the floor," Walker said. "We won the Fair Play Trophy in England last season. We couldn't kick anybody if we tried, yet in Europe we've had 11 bookings — it's crazy, something is wrong somewhere."



Fashanu: competitive

Not wrong, but different. Take Ruben Sosa, the diminutive and lively Uruguayan winger. He performs on instinct, he is given licence in what was once thought to be the terribly pragmatic Italian league to play with impetuosity, with darting flights of fantasy and, yes, he occasionally dives to the ground.

That is the cheating that riles the British. It breaks no skulls, no cheekbones or legs, but it does harm the fabric of a game that is supposed to be about common understanding and is meant to cross barriers of language or creed.

Yet if that is all we see in Sosa, we are sorely deluded. For example, his phenomenal acceleration brought a foul tackle, a mistimed lunge, from Rob Newman, that led to the penalty which beat Norwich at Carrow Road on Wednesday.

Furthermore, Sosa, the dark foil to the ghosting blond presence of Bergkamp, the Dutch international striker who scored Inter's only goal, was also at times hypnotic. The beauty of the way that he swayed, flicked the ball from one foot to the other and cruised between two Norwich players midway through the second half was a moment of joy in a hard-fought European Cup-tie. It transcended so much of what we think of as the basics of force and passion generated by the British game.

Normally, the passing momentum of Norwich is more pleasing on the eye than much of the mindless scurrying, the wellying of the ball, that passes for English percentage play, but the game will go backwards in this country if better teams from overseas are simply accused of breaking the rules and the unacceptably combative elements of the game here are excused.

Mabbutt is a victim of force. He is a pleasant man and one hopes against hope that he recovers from his injury and is restored before long to the Tottenham captaincy.

Arthurton and Lara guide West Indies into cup final

BRIAN Lara and Keith Arthurton put on 163 as West Indies trounced Sri Lanka by seven wickets to reach the Cricket Association of Bengal's diamond jubilee tournament final in Calcutta yesterday. West Indies play India in the final at Eden Gardens tomorrow.

Set a target of 189 to win, the West Indians made an alarming start, losing their first two wickets with three runs on the board. Haynes went second ball, trapped leg-before by Wickremasinghe's inswinger, then Simmons fell to an outstanding catch in the slips off the same bowler.

However, Lara and Arthurton, both left-handers, dug in to frustrate the Sri Lankan attack. Lara batted effortlessly until the 38th over, scoring 82 before being bowled by Muralitharan with 23 runs needed. Arthurton finished unbeaten on 72 as his side won with more than eight overs to spare.

Sri Lanka's modest total owed much to the stand of 109 between de Silva and Kalpage, who broke their country's one-day record for the sixth wicket after the innings lurched to 77 for five. De Silva celebrated his 125th one-day international with a brilliant 68 off 78 balls and Kalpage made a career-best 41 not out.

SRI LANKA

R S Mahanama lbw b Cummins	31
S T Jayasuriya c Simmons b Benjamin	18
H P Tillekeratne lbw b Cummins	11
P A de Silva run out	88
*A Ranatunga c Lara b Hooper	2
†R S Kaluwitharana b Hooper	1
R S Kalpage not out	41
R J Ratnayake not out	2
Extras (lb 11, w 3)	14
Total (6 wkts, 50 overs)	188

G P Wickremasinghe, H D P Ramanayake and M Muralitharan did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-65, 3-68, 4-73, 5-77, 6-186.

BOWLING: Ambrose 10-0-58-0; Walsh 10-3-33-0; Benjamin 10-2-29-1; Cummins 10-0-38-2; Hooper 10-3-18-2.

WEST INDIES

B C Lara b Muralitharan	82
D L Haynes lbw b Wickremasinghe	0
P V Simmons c Mahanama b Wickremasinghe	0
K L T Arthurton not out	72
*R B Richardson not out	15
Extras (lb 2, w 12, nb 7)	21
Total (3 wkts, 41.5 overs)	190

C L Hooper, †J C Adams, A C Cummins, C E L Ambrose, W K M Benjamin and C A Walsh did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-3, 3-166

BOWLING: Wickremasinghe 6-0-27-2; Ramanayake 3-0-18-0; Ratnayake 4-0-11-0, Kalpage 9.5-0-47-0; Muralitharan 10-0-37-1; Jayasuriya 2-0-14-0; De Silva 3-0-16-0; Ranatunga 4-0-18-0.

Man of the match: B C Lara.

Umpires: S Chaudhary and S K Bansal (India)

Hendrick falls short of great expectations

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE yesterday became the third leading county club to dismiss its coach or manager since last season ended. Mike Hendrick, the former England seam bowler, has lost his job after only one full season in charge.

A fortnight ago, Surrey dispensed with Geoff Arnold, the club's head coach, and in September, Lancashire parted company with its manager, David Hughes. The factors common to all three are that these are high-profile clubs with Test match grounds and demands for success which, lately, have been unfulfilled.

Hendrick inherited an uncomfortable seat when he took over from John Birch, who left Trent Bridge hastily and without official explanation last May. Divisions in the dressing-room were an open secret and Hendrick, an uncompromising competitor in his playing days, boldly confronted them by releasing two Test players, Chris Broad and Eddie Hemmings.

That this had not solved all became plain earlier this year when Paul Johnson resigned as vice-captain and Tim Robinson's captaincy style came under renewed criticism. As a disappointing summer proceeded, Hendrick's relations with some of the other players became strained.

He was not the first management figure to despair of Chris Lewis and he may not be the last, but the dismal returns of the England all-rounder seem, to some extent, to have been blamed on the manager.

In announcing the committee's decision yesterday, Maurice Youdell, the chairman, said of Hendrick: "His management was not suited to bringing the best out of the players."

A drop from fourth to seventh in the championship, seventeenth place in the Sunday League and no show in the knockout cups added up to a deflating season for a talented side. In the wake of Hendrick's fate, it remains to be seen if Johnson will reconsider his refusal to sign a new contract and if Nottinghamshire, like Lancashire, will decide they have no further need of the team manager's role.

Northamptonshire must appear before the Test and County Cricket Board's discipline committee to answer allegations that they illegally approached three 17-year-old Yorkshire cricketers. The board's registration committee yesterday decided there was a "*prima facie* case to answer" following Yorkshire's complaint earlier this month. No date has been set for the hearing.

The allegations concern the left-arm spinner, Ian Fisher, and two members of England's Under-19 party that will tour Sri Lanka this winter — Ishmail Dawood, a wicketkeeper, and Chris Schofield, a batsman. Dawood has already been released by Yorkshire and offered a contract by Northamptonshire.



Hendrick: bold

☐ The Australian Cricket Board has accepted invitations for Allan Border's team to visit Sharjah, in the United Arab Emirates, and Sri Lanka next year. Graham Halbish, the board's chief executive, said the Australians were likely to visit Sharjah and Sri Lanka for one-day competitions, adding to their commitments to tour South Africa and Pakistan.

Australia are due in South Africa in early February for three Tests and eight one-day internationals. They go to Pakistan in late September for up to three Tests and five one-day games. Halbish said the board was almost certain to send the Australians to Sharjah direct from South Africa to join a six-nation tournament in mid-April.

Growler's warning underlines ice peril

CREWS in the Whitbread Round the World race battling their way through the Southern Ocean en route to Fremantle, Australia, yesterday reported record speeds, wild broaches and several close shaves with ice (Barry Pickthall writes).

Lawrie Smith and his crew on Intrum Justitia laid claim to the Omega 24-hour Challenge battle flag — yachting's equivalent of the yellow jersey — for the second time during this 7,500-mile voyage with a day's run of 376.6 miles.

In doing so, they also took 50 miles out of Grant Dalton's leading maxi, New Zealand Endeavour, to win a £50 wager with Mike Quilter, Endeavour's navigator, who had been adamant that the smaller 60ft yachts like Intrum would prove no match for the 85ft maxis.

Fifty miles astern, Ross Field and his Yamaha crew suffered a significant wipeout, breaking their spinnaker pole in the process: "It was terrifying," Ross said. "We had the spinnaker up and were sitting on 25 knots without surfing." Thankfully, his crew were all harnessed on and there were no injuries, but after being pinned down with sails flogging for 15 minutes, they were all a little shaken.

Another counting his blessings was Matt Humphries after his yacht, Dolphin & Youth Challenge hit a growler — one of the many small chunks of ice that break away from the main bergs.

"It was fairly frightening. I was below deck, off watch, when I heard a loud thud on the hull," he said. "We immediately made a thorough check and, happily, found no damage."

LEADING POSITIONS (at 14.00GMT yesterday, with miles to Fremantle, Australia) Maxi class: 1, NZ Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ) 4,227 miles; 2, Mont Cup (P Fehlmann, Switz), 4,304; 3, La Poste (D Malle, Fr), 4,378; 4, Uruguay Natural (G Vanzini, Uru), 4,937.

Whitbread 60 class: 1, Intrum Justitia (L Smith, Eur), 4,282; 2, Tokio (C Dickson, NZ), 4,315; 3, Galicia 93 Pescanova (J de la Gandara, Sp), 4,338; 4, Yamaha (R Field, NZ), 4,343; 5, Winston (B Butterworth, US), 4,356; 6, Brookfield (G Maisto, It), 4,450; 7, Dolphin & Youth Challenge (M Humphries, GB), 4,506; 8, Hotmon Sahaydachny (E Platon, Ukr), 4,726; 9, Women's Challenge (D Riley, US), 4,800; 10, Odessa (A Vorbe, Ukr), 4,954.

☐ Information provided by BT

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Witton v Halifax (7.45).

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Norwich v Crystal Palace (7.30).

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Bohemians v Cork City (8.0); Drogheda Utd v Monaghan Utd (7.45).

RUGBY UNION

Club matches

Bath v London Scottish (7.15)
Bristol v Harvent (7.0)
Northampton v West London Inst (7.30)
Nottingham v Cambridge Univ (7.0)
Wasps v Rosario (Arg) (7.30)

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP

St Helens v Halifax (7.30)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: European championship: Second round: Guildford v Hapoel Elyon (tsr). Budweiser League: Thames Valley Tigers v London Towers; Birmingham Bullets v Guildford Kings.

SNOOKER: Royal Liver Assurance UK championship (at Preston).

TENNIS: European women's team championships (at Sheffield).

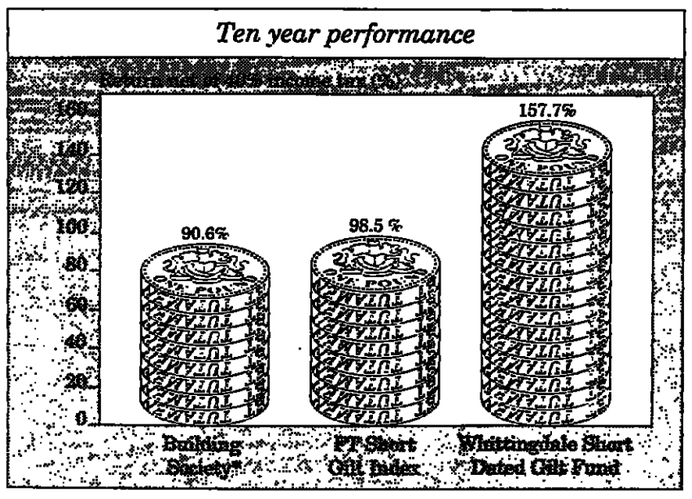
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Pilot flies the Champion's flag



Flying Finn Juha Kankkunen's fourth time as World Rally Champion did not deter him from driving home the point by landing first place in the 1993 RAC Rally.

He was closely followed by Kenneth Eriksson in a Michelin-shod Mitsubishi Lancer and the Escort Cosworth of Michelin Pilot Team Ford's Malcolm Wilson, the first British driver past the post.

Kankkunen's victory made it a mighty double for Michelin with Toyota having already clinched this year's constructors' crown.

The victory also means that Michelin has notched up almost 120 wins in 20 years of international rallying. The same successful rallying technology went into the development of the new Michelin Pilot range of high performance tyres, the choice for drivers of luxury, executive and sports cars.

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BHB launches new drive to reform Sunday betting laws

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

A NEW lobbying offensive aimed at securing Sunday racing with on and off-course betting by the end of 1995 is being launched to coincide with Sunday trading legislation now before parliament.

The House of Commons will debate Sunday trading on Monday and is due to vote by Christmas on how much deregulation should be allowed in high streets throughout the country.

The outcome could be crucial to racing's chances of securing changes in gaming laws that would allow punters to have a wager at race meetings and in betting shops on Sundays. Britain is the only leading racing nation in the world where betting is outlawed on Sunday.

In a deliberate attempt to keep up the pressure on government, the British Horseracing Board (BHB) is planning to stage two further experimental Sunday meetings in 1994 and is urging ministers to follow up Sunday trading legislation with government measures for racing.

The BHB is to invite applications from racecourses to host a Flat fixture in late July or early August and another over jumps in late October.

The public demand for racing on Sundays has been amply demonstrated by large attendances at the three experimental meetings already staged at Doncaster, Cheltenham and Lingfield. Families, in particular, flocked to the meetings although there was no betting.

The Home Office, which is responsible for Sunday trading and gaming, has always insisted it would not address racing's demands until the controversial issue of Sunday trading had been resolved. However, there is now a fear among BHB leaders that the government may attempt to wriggle out of the issue by leaving Sunday racing to a private members' bill, especially as the Home Office is weighed down with law and order legislative plans.

Nigel Clark, the chairman of the BHB's Sunday racing campaign, said yesterday: "These next few months will be crucial for our campaign, particularly to encourage Government to plan legislation to deal wtih the Sunday racing issue.

"It is important to persuade the Home Office that government legislation is the most appropriate way to deal wtih this issue. It would not be appropriate, in our view, to deal with this change of legislation by way of a private members' bill.

"The three Sunday racing private members' bills introduced by Lord Wyatt, Nicholas Soames and Andrew McKay, sadly, did not get beyond a second reading."

Jim Paice, the Conservative MP for South Cambridgeshire and chairman of the all-party racing committee, is setting up a working party whose job will be to lobby ministers on Sunday racing and act as a conduit for the views of the racing industry.

Clark believes Sunday racing could become a reality "by the end of 1995 or the beginning of 1996" with around ten meetings being staged in the first full year.

The importance attached to legislative success was underlined by Lee Richardson, the BHB's new marketing director. The success of the three experimental Sunday meetings had confirmed the demand from consumers, particularly families.

"Bringing family-orientated groups into racing is one of my key objectives in attracting new racegoers, so the marketing case for Sunday racing is overwhelming. There are two key leisure days in the UK and racing is shut off from one of those days. It is imperative for attracting new racegoers that we are able to compete with other sports.

"A lot of sports stage or have their main events culminating on a Sunday. We have to be at least on the same playing field to attract consumers, television coverage and sponsorship and general exposure," Richardson said.

□ There will be a Tote jackpot every day, beginning at Newbury this afternoon. The move has been prompted by the success of Tote Direct terminals in betting shops, which have increased the size of Tote pools. Each jackpot will carry a £5,000 minimum.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: DUBACILLA
(2.30 Newbury)

Next best: Wings Of Freedom
(3.00 Newbury)



WHITE Muzzle is led out, with John Reid aboard, for a workout on Tokyo racecourse as part of his final preparation for the Japan Cup on Sunday.

His trainer, Peter Chapple-Hyam, is confident that he has the son of Dancing Brave in top form. "He'll love this fast ground," the Manton trainer insisted yesterday. "I want it like a road on Sunday. The only time he has had it like that was in the Italian Derby, which he won by five lengths beating the course record by 2½ seconds."

Chapple-Hyam added: "Of course, I fear all of his rivals, but if I had to name a couple it would be the Australian hope, Naturalism, and The Phantom Chance, from New Zealand. They are both very tough and used to this type of track. Naturalism obviously likes it here and only has to go one better than last year."

Lee Freedman, Naturalism's trainer, and Colin Jillings, handler of The Phantom Chance, both put White Muzzle at the head of their list of dangers.

"It's quite an even field this year," said Freedman. "But White Muzzle will obviously like the ground."

Jillings said: "The horses I fear are Kotashaan — you have to fear a Breeders' Cup Turf winner, even though it's close to this race — and White Muzzle. He seems a big, tough horse who will like the ground and distance.

"Unfortunately I haven't seen any of the Japanese contenders," Jillings added. "But I hear that there isn't a Tokai Teio [the 1992 Japan Cup winner] among them."

Corals make Kotashaan their 3-1 favourite, followed by White Muzzle at 7-2 and the French-trained Arc winner, Urban Sea, at 5-1. Other prices: 13-2 Star Of Cozzene, 8-1 Winning Ticket, 10-1 Misil, Naturalism, 12-1 others.

IN BRIEF

St Helens hoping to achieve summit

Rugby league: St Helens, who have won seven of their last eight matches in the Stones Bitter Championship, will become the fifth club to head the first division this season if they beat Halifax tonight. Steve Prescott, 19, will make his home debut at full back.

Leeds are still without a regular scrum half after Leigh yesterday refused to part with Jason Donohue, their under-21 international. With Andy Gregory having moved to Salford and Gareth Stephens out with an infected toe, James Lowes, usually a hooker, is likely to fill the scrum half's role against Bradford Northern on Sunday.

Shaun Edwards, Nigel Wright amd Andrew Farrell, the Wigan players injured in the 40-10 defeat of Sheffield Eagles on Wednesday, are expected to miss the home fixture with Oldham.

Chance to impress

Boxing: A competition specifically for the encouragement of novice professionals is to be staged by the National Sporting Club at its Cafe Royal headquarters in London in the new year.

The promoter of the tournament, initially for welterweights, is Frank Maloney, the manager of Lennox Lewis, the World Boxing Council heavyweight champion.

Warm support

Ice skating: British competitors are to be sponsored for the next 18 months by Peoples Phone. "It is one of the few sports unsullied by drugs and has a clean, untarnished reputation," Charles Wigoder, managing director of the company, said yesterday.

Lloyd banned

Rugby union: Moseley have suspended their lock forward, Steve Lloyd, for six matches following his sending-off for kicking against Sale two weeks ago. Lloyd has yet to appear before the area disciplinary committee, but Moseley have decided to impose their own punishment.

Palma bound

Swimming: Graeme Smith, a bronze medal-winner at the European junior championships, Susan Rolph and Fraser Walker have been added to the Great Britain squad for next week's world short-course championships in Palma, Majorca. Rolph holds two British junior records while Walker, a member of the Warrender club, in Edinburgh, won the 200 metres individual medley at the last World Student Games in July.

Forced out

Basketball: Martin Henlan, the 6ft 10in England international, whose ankle injury has prevented him from making more than limited contributions for Guildford Kings in their European championship semi-final pool, is to have an operation. He will miss the away game with Leverkusen and next month's home matches with Barcelona and Real Madrid.

Comeback test

Boxing: Swansea's Floyd Havard, out for action for the last 21 months with hand trouble, can earn the chance of challenging for the IBF super-featherweight title against Juan Molina, of Puerto Rico, in Cardiff on January 22, if he wins his comeback contest against Harry Escott at York Hall, Bethnal Green, next Wednesday. Due to his inactivity, Havard is not ranked by the IBF, but a convincing win over Escott would change that position.

Manager goes

Football: Gerard Houllier has resigned as the manager of France following his side's failure to qualify for the 1994 World Cup finals after surprise home defeats by Israel and Bulgaria. Houllier took over from Michel Platini after France's poor showing in the European championships in June last year.

NEWBURY

THUNDERER

12.55 Duveen
1.30 See More Indians
2.00 Kabayil
2.30 **DUBACILLA (nap)**
3.00 Dark Honey
3.30 King's Treasure

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.00 **DARK HONEY.**

GOING: GOOD — SIS

12.55 FRESHMAN'S JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE
(3-Y-O: £3,457: 2m 110yd) (14 runners)

101 23411 CONVOY 8 (D,F) (The Lavender Cottage Partnership) C Mann 11-8 — R Dunwoody 88
102 21 GRAND APPLAUSE 16 (CD,G) (M Lewin) R Simpson 11-3 — D Gallagher ⓑ
103 ADMIRAL'S WELL 32F (A Spence) R Akehurst 10-12 — J Osborne —
104 BAGALINO 36F (Sir Eric Parker) G Harwood 10-12 — M Perrett —
105 DESERT CHALLENGER 156F (Andrews Freight Ltd) J Jenkins 10-12 — G Bradley —
106 DUVEEN 56F (Fat Boys Racing) N Twiston-Davies 10-12 — C Llewellyn —
107 ECU DE FRANCE 36F (D Knight) M Madgwick 10-12 — A Maguire —
108 ELBURG 20F (Mrs A Gamble) R Hoad 10-12 — M Hoad —
109 KISMETIM 18F (The Kismetim Partnership) B Meehan 10-12 — J Leech —
110 MALWOOD CASTLE (Mrs U Wainwright) R Alner 10-12 — S Earle —
111 POSSOM PICKER (H Cole) H Cole 10-12 — S Burrough —
112 0 ROYAL EXECUTIVE 21 (Ms C Bray) K Bridgwater 10-12 — G McCourt —
113 EXHIBIT AIR 28F (A Hornall) R Hannon 10-7 — D Murphy —
114 02 LOVE IN THE MIST 10 (L Kennard) M Pipe 10-7 — M Foster 92

BETTING: 7-2 Grand Applause, 4-1 Love In The Mist, 11-2 Bagalino, 6-1 Admiral's Well, 7-1 Duveen, 8-1 Exhibit Air, 10-1 Ecu De France, 12-1 Convoy, Elburg, 14-1 others.

1992: MAJOR BUGLER 10-12 R Dunwoody (2-1 fav) G Balding 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

CONVOY beat Marat 2½l in claiming novice hurdle at Wincanton (2m, good to firm). GRAND APPLAUSE beat Hostile Witness 2¼l in 6-runner novice hurdle over course and distance (good). BAGALINO 9l 4th of 6 to Monarda in handicap here (2m, good to soft), with ECU DU FRANCE 37l 6th. Previously, short-head 2nd of 20 to Castorel in handicap here (1m 5l 110yd, good to soft), with GRAND APPLAUSE 44l 18th. DUVEEN 29¼l 4th of 8 to Shirley Rose in rated stakes at Redcar (1m 2f, good to firm) on penultimate start. ECU DU FRANCE best recent effort when about 9¼l 6th of 19 to Etats in maiden at Kempton (1m 4f, soft). ELBURG 3½l 3rd of 13 to Bardolph in handicap at Doncaster (2m 110yd, good). EXHIBIT AIR beat Knobbleeneeze 2½l in 4-runner rated stakes at Nottingham (1m, firm) on penultimate start. LOVE IN THE MIST 5l 2nd of 12 to Velvet Heart in novice hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 1f, soft).
Selection: GRAND APPLAUSE

1.30 OXFORDSHIRE NOVICES CHASE (£4,272: 3m) (4 runners)

201 /522/11 SEE MORE INDIANS 16 (F,G,S) (P Barber) P Nicholls 6-11-7 — G Bradley ⓑ
202 242521/ FINO 580 (F) (Mrs S Robins) D Nicholson 7-11-0 — A Maguire —
203 P SPARTAN FLAPJACK 30 (D Bassett) D Bassett 7-11-0 — I Lawrence —
204 2005UP- VISAGA 263 (F) (L Heltsinus) N Twiston-Davies 7-11-0 — C Llewellyn 67

BETTING: 4-7 See More Indians, 3-1 Fino, 6-1 Visaga, 20-1 Spartan Flapjack.

1992: TRAVELLING WRONG 6-11-4 R Dunwoody (4-11 fav) D Nicholson 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

SEE MORE INDIANS beat Run Up The Flag 30l in grade B Agfa Novices Chase at Worcester (2m 7f, soft). FINO beat Charterforhardware 4l in novice hurdle at Worcester (3m, good to firm). SPARTAN FLAPJACK pulled up before 15th in 8-runner novice chase at Fontwell (3m 2f 110yd, good to firm) won by Island Forest. VISAGA best effort last season when 19½l 5th of 16 to Saddler's Choice in novices handicap chase at Ludlow (3m, soft).
Selection: SEE MORE INDIANS

2.00 BRIMPTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£4,484: 2m 110yd) (12 runners)

301 51/11P0- HERE HE COMES 169F (D,B,S) (E Harrington) R Akehurst 7-11-11 — G McCourt 93
302 102305- KETTI 230 (D,F,G,S) (Berkshire Components Ltd) D Williams 8-11-9 — R Davis (5) 87
303 03122/2- ABSALOM'S LADY 419 (D,G) (Whitcombe Manor) D Elsworth 5-11-3 — P Holley ⓑ
304 05430-3 EDEN'S CLOSE 20F (CD,BF,G) (Mrs M Barwell) M Tompkins 4-11-3 — D Murphy 90
305 2106-2F ARCOT 13 (D,BF,G,S) (Pell-mell Partners) J Glover 5-11-3 — A Maguire 93
306 10/12- RIVA 324 (D,F,S) (A Hussein) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 5-10-11 — H Davies 83
307 533233- RIVER ISLAND 197 (D,S) (W Stanf) J Old 5-10-10 — T Grantham 86
308 64-2522 NIKITAS 5 (CD,F,G,S) (Miss A Whitfield) Miss A Whitfield 8-10-10 — S McNeill 93
309 01- PROPAGANDA 244 (CD,F) (Bloomsbury Stud) N Henderson 5-10-7 — R Dunwoody 83
310 2410-F5 MACEDONAS 18 (D,F,S) (J McCarthy) C Brooks 5-10-7 — G Bradley 82
311 115-11 KABAYIL 14 (D,G,S) (Elite Racing Club) C Egerton 4-10-5 — J Osborne 91
312 113433 VA UTU 13 (D,F,G) (M Quinn) M Channon 5-10-0 — Lorna Vincent 83

Long handicap: Va Utu 9-4.

BETTING: 3-1 Kabayil, 5-1 Arcot, 6-1 Eden's Close, 8-1 Absalom's Lady, Nikitas, Propaganda, 10-1 others.

1992: NIKITAS 7-10-9 S McNeill (7-2) Miss A Whitfield 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

ABSALOM'S LADY 1l 2nd to Kilcash in handicap hurdle at Chepstow (2m 110yd, good to soft). EDEN'S CLOSE 3¼l 3rd to Maddle Manen in handicap hurdle over course and distance (good). ARCOT 6l 2nd to Toogood To Be True in handicap hurdle at Wetherby (2m, good) on penultimate start. RIVA 8l 2nd to Givenome in novice hurdle at Lingfield (2m 3f 110yd, heavy). RIVER ISLAND 6½l 3rd to Steveyvul in handicap hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 1f, good) on penultimate start. NIKITAS 5l 2nd to Persuasive in handicap hurdle at Aintree (2m 110yd, good). KABAYIL beat Saskia's Hero 3l in handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, good). VA UTU 9¼l 3rd of 10 to Eastbrope in handicap hurdle at Windsor (2m, good).
Selection: KABAYIL (nap)

2.30 JACKY UPTON HANDICAP CHASE (£4,542: 2m 4f) (9 runners)

401 0/22112- ANOTHER CORAL 300 (CD,F,G,S) (M Deeley) D Nicholson 10-12-0 — A Maguire 93
402 2330F2- COOL GROUND 219 (G,S) (Whitcombe Manor) D Elsworth 11-11-8 — P Holley 94
403 2PU35-3 KINGS FOUNTAIN 36 (D,BF,F,G,S) (E Benks) K Bailey 10-11-8 — J Osborne 93
404 1111-FP FLASHTHECASH 14 (D,BF,F,S) (Dr G Molam) G Balding 7-10-10 — D Murphy 90
405 1513-12 EGYPT MILL PRINCE 13 (B,F,S) (S Webb) Mrs J Pitman 7-10-7 — R Dunwoody 94
406 1221-1U GUIBURN'S NEPHEW 13 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs R Steel) P Hobbs 11-10-7 — C Maude 96
407 410F2-5 MR ENTERTAINER 35 (CD,F,G,S) (M Boddington) N Gaselee 10-10-5 — C Llewellyn 90
408 U1211-2 DUBACILLA 16 (G,S) (Mrs V Cole) H Cole 7-10-1 — D Gallagher ⓑ
409 2/1403-F WHATEVER YOU LIKE 20 (C,G,S) (J F F Racing) P Nicholls 9-10-0 — G Bradley 82

Long handicap: Whatever You Like 9-13.

BETTING: 5-2 Egypt Mill Prince, 4-1 Dubacilla, 6-1 Another Coral, Flashthecash, Guiburn's Nephew, 8-1 Kings Fountain, 14-1 Mr Entertainer, 16-1 Whatever You Like, Mr Entertainer, 20-1 Cool Ground.

1992: PARSONS GREEN 8-11-1 R Dunwoody (11-8 fav) N Henderson 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

ANOTHER CORAL 3½l 2nd of 7 to Sibton Abbey in conditions chase at Cheltenham (3m 1f 110yd, soft), with COOL GROUND (6lb better off) 5l 3rd. KINGS FOUNTAIN 11l 3rd of 6 to Panto Prince in grade II Desert Orchid Chase at Wincanton (2m 5f, good to firm). FLASHTHECASH best effort when beating Billy Bathgate 5l in 9-runner grade II Godiva Kingmaker Novice Chase at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, good to firm), with Egypt Mill Prince (1lb worse off) 5l 3rd. EGYPT MILL PRINCE 7l 2nd of 15 to Bradbury Star in grade III Mackeson Gold Cup Handicap Chase at Cheltenham (2m 4f 110yd, soft), with GUIBURN'S NEPHEW (same terms) unseated rider. GUIBURN'S NEPHEW beat Green Island 12l in 10-runner handicap chase over course and distance (good), with MR ENTERTAINER (5lb better off) tailed off. DUBACILLA ½l 2nd of 11 to Do Be Brief in handicap chase at Worcester (2m 7f, soft).
Selection: EGYPT MILL PRINCE

3.00 SHOPPING ARCADE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,947: 2m 5f) (9 runners)

501 100-654 KADI 14 (G,S) D Nicholson 4-11-12 — W Marston 90
502 F050-23 EMERALD SUNSET 20 (C,G) (Mrs G Davison) R Simpson 8-10-9 — M Hourigan 96
503 1132/61 DARK HONEY 11 (D,G,S) (R Sayer) S Dow 8-10-7 (6ex) — A Dicken ⓑ
504 3/4030- TILT TECH FLYER 329 (S) (P De Weck) C Broad 8-10-6 — A Flannigan (3) 90
505 02FFF-1 FAIR BROTHER 15 (D,G,S) (Mrs S Watts) G Balding 7-10-5 — R Davis 89
506 04321-2 WINGS OF FREEDOM 9 (D,F) (American Publishers) J Jenkins 5-10-2 — D Meredith 92
507 534/000 WINDWARD ARIOM 13 (F,G,S) (Kendall White Ltd) K Burke 7-10-0 — N Juckes (5) 76
508 P000-PP DEEP IN GREEK 11 (R Mathews) D Williams 7-10-0 — P McLoughlin (3) —
509 PPP0P-6 SOLENT LAD 25 (F,G,S) (B Stevens) B Stevens 10-10-0 — M Stevens (3) —

Long handicap: Windward Ariom 9-3, Deep in Greek 8-3, Solent Lad 7-1.

BETTING: 9-4 Dark Honey, 3-1 Wings Of Freedom, 5-1 Kadi, Fair Brother, 8-1 Emerald Sunset, 12-1 others.

1992: SUPER MALT 4-10-0 M P Hourigan (16-1) Miss K Allison 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

KADI 14½l 4th of 5 to Staunch Friend in conditions hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 110yd, good). EMERALD SUNSET about 10l 3rd of 7 to Northern Village in conditional jockeys handicap hurdle at Sandown (2m 6f, good). DARK HONEY beat Mr Flats distance in 6-runner handicap hurdle at Leicester (2m 4f 110yd, soft). FAIR BROTHER beat Pamber Priory 2l in 12-runner handicap hurdle at Towcester (2m 5f, good). WINGS OF FREEDOM 1½l 2nd of 5 to Peatswood in handicap hurdle at Kempton (2m 5f, good).
Selection: DARK HONEY

3.30 SONNING NOVICES HURDLE (£3,499: 2m 5f) (15 runners)

601 0121 BERTONE 22 (G) (Mrs H Dalby) K Bailey 4-11-9 — R Dunwoody 92
602 4U3-114 KING'S TREASURE 22 (G,S,BF) (P Mellon) I Balding 4-11-6 — J Frost 91
603 212-531 WHAT A QUESTION 36 (G) (Mrs M Valentine) M Morris (Ire) 5-11-4 — G Bradley —
604 0-P ANDALUCIAN SUN 18 (Garona S L) G Balding 5-11-0 — Richard Guest —
605 00/P6P ASSEMBLY DANCER 56 (Miss B Palmer) D Williams 6-11-0 — R Davis (3) —
606 11- CALL HOME 218 (F) (M Pinto) J Gifford 5-11-0 — D Murphy —
607 P/60U/0- CASTLE ORCHARD 52F (B Crane) P Hayward 9-11-0 — A Procter (5) —
608 1350/4U- FUN MONEY 350 (F) (G Phillips) A J Wilson 6-11-0 — A Maguire 72
609 22F0P-4 MAD THYME 20 (R Jenks) N Gaselee 6-11-0 — M Perrett 89
610 0533-F OVER THE POLE 16 (BF) (Pall-mall Partners) J Gifford 6-11-0 — E Murphy ⓑ
611 3 PUNDAY CLUMP 20 (Mrs J Mould) N Twiston-Davies 4-11-0 — C Llewellyn 73
612 50 SOLO GENT 44 (A King) A Jones 4-11-0 — G Upton —
613 TIME WON'T WAIT (Old Beds Partnership) R Phillips 4-11-0 — G McCourt —
614 434005- UNDERWYCHWOOD 153F (Miss A Jones) P Burgoyne 5-11-0 — I Lawrence —
615 P06/ VICAR OF BRAY 630 (The Cleric Partnership) G Balding 6-11-0 — S Hodgson —

BETTING: 5-2 Bertone, 9-2 What A Question, 5-1 King's Treasure, 7-1 Call Home, Punday Clump, 8-1 Over The Pole, 12-1 Mad Thyme, 16-1 Andalucian Sun, 20-1 others.

1992: YORKSHIRE GALE 6-11-0 D Murphy (11-10 fav) J Gifford 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

BERTONE beat Ballstaff Boy 4l in 6-runner grade II St Modwen Novices Hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m 4f 110yd, good), with KING'S TREASURE (3lb better off) 20l 4th. WHAT A QUESTION beat Green Glen 1l in 9-runner hurdle at Punchestown (2m 2f, yielding). CALL HOME beat Mr Clancy head in 24-runner National Hunt Flat race at Cheltenham (2m 1f, good to firm). FUN MONEY 9¼l 4th of 9 to Nan's Boy in novice hurdle at Worcester (2m 5f 110yd, soft) on penultimate start. OVER THE POLE about 7l 3rd of 9 to Bold Boss in novice hurdle at Ascot (2m 110yd, good to soft) on penultimate start. PUNDAY CLUMP 11l 3rd of 11 to Hawaiian Youth in novice hurdle at Chepstow (2m 110yd, good).
Selection: BERTONE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
I Balding	6	15	40.0	R Dunwoody	45	175	25.7
M Tompkins	6	17	35.3	P Holley	12	55	21.8
R Hannon	4	13	30.8	J Osborne	29	137	21.2
M Pipe	24	90	26.7	J Frost	13	75	17.3
G Harwood	5	22	22.7	C Llewellyn	9	54	16.7
N Henderson	26	118	22.0	G McCourt	10	62	16.1

Black Humour bought

BLACK Humour, favourite for tomorrow's Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury, has been bought by composer Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber as a birthday gift for his wife, Madeleine. Negotiations for the purchase of the chaser, trained by Charlie Brooks, were completed yesterday with previous owners R E A Bott Ltd.

Fears that several of Black Humour's rivals may be withdrawn owing to fast ground are diminishing. Doubts have surrounded Whispering Steel, Rolling Ball and Zeta's Lad but, with showers forecast, all appear likely to run. Coral reported support yesterday for Rolling Ball and cut his price a point to 4-1. Black Humour remains favourite at 11-4.

BANGOR

THUNDERER

1.20 Ferdia. 1.50 Old Eros. 2.20 Col Buckmore. 2.50 Candy Tuff. 3.20 Run Up The Flag. 3.50 Son Of Iris.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (CHASE COURSE); GOOD (HURDLES) — SIS

1.20 CROSEMERE SELLING HURDLE
(£1,833: 2m 1f) (10 runners)

1 06-P ABELONI 23 S Coathup 4-11-7 — A S Smith 90
2 P-22 BAND SARGEANT 28 G Richards 4-11-7 — N Doughty 98
3 26-F BUSMAN 22F J O'Shea 4-11-7 — M A Fitzgerald ⓑ
4 FERDIA 237F J White 4-11-7 — M Dwyer —
5 F KINCADE 76 B Cambidge 3-10-7 — Mr J Cambidge —
6 P ULTRAKAY 9 J Haynes 3-10-7 — C Hawkins —
7 2515 MY SISTER LUCY 8 (D,G) A Jarvis 3-10-6 — T Jarvis 87
8 DON'T FORGET MARIE 3F A Bailey 3-10-2 — N Mann —
9 P SHAMROCK DANCER 18F R Baker 3-10-2 — L Harvey —
10 226 SWISS MOUNTAIN 13 (B,BF) A Forbes 3-10-2 — T Eley (5) 86

7-4 Band Sargeant, 11-4 Busman, 4-1 Ferdia, 8-1 My Sister Lucy, Don't Forget Marie, 10-1 Swiss Mountain, 16-1 others.

1.50 CLASSIC RACING BOOKS NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,853: 2m 4f 110yd) (7)

1 22-1 OLD EROS 15 (B,S) Mrs M Reveley 9-11-10 — P Niven ⓑ
2 2-FP READY OR NOT 20 (B) A Turnell 7-11-6 — D Fortt (7) 86
3 F2-1 JUMBEAU 14 (D,G) J Gifford 8-11-3 — P Hide (3) 97
4 -043 TITUS GOLD 11 (S) W Clay 8-10-12 — M A Fitzgerald 92
5 2F-P SUPER SPELL 9 (S) G Ham 7-10-12 — B Powell —
6 04-F SQUIRES PRIVILEGE 49 J J O'Neill 5-10-11 — M Dwyer 92
7 3U2R WEST BAY 15 (BF,F) T Thomson Jones 7-10-9 S Smith Eccles 92

6-4 Old Eros, 2-1 Jumbeau, 6-1 West Bay, 8-1 Ready Or Not, 10-1 Squires Privilege, 14-1 Titus Gold, 20-1 Super Spell.

2.20 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(Qualifier: £2,556: 2m 1f) (12)

1 01B2 COL BUCKMORE 23 (D,G) G Richards 5-11-3 — N Doughty ⓑ
2 1S4- ARCTIC KINSMAN 207 (BF,S) N Twiston-Davies 5-10-12 — D Bridgwater —
3 2 BLACK OPAL 27 (BF) Mrs J Pitman 4-10-12 — B Powell —
4 0 CORPORAL CHARLIE 10 R Baker 4-10-12 — L Harvey —
5 00-5 FROG HOLLOW 22 T Forster 5-10-12 — M A Fitzgerald 79
6 24 BALES CAVALIER 18 D Gandolfo 5-10-12 — J Railton 95
7 00-3 JUMPING JUDGE 17 T Thomson Jones 6-10-12 S Smith Eccles 90
8 036- MERRY SCORPION 272 E Owen jun 4-10-12 — A Thornton (3) 65
9 0BF- MUCH 277 Mrs A Price 6-10-12 — Mr M Jackson —
10 0-P SARGEANTS CHOICE 22 (B) A Forbes 4-10-12 — T Eley (5) —
11 6 SCARF 14 J J O'Neill 5-10-12 — M Dwyer 70
12 400- NICSAMLYN 220 C Smith 6-10-7 — P Niven —

2-1 Col Buckmore, 5-2 Arctic Kinsman, 7-2 Black Opal, 8-1 Bales Cavalier, 10-1 Jumping Judge, 12-1 Frog Hollow, 20-1 others.

2.50 BUILDER CENTER HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,355: 2m 4f 110yd) (5)

1 11-0 MUTUAL TRUST 13 (CD,BF,F,G,S) G Richards 9-11-10 — N Doughty 90
2 52-4 SMITTON LANE 23 (D,F,G,S) W Clay 7-11-10 — M A Fitzgerald 96
3 12-2 CANDY TUFF 10 (F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-8 — P Niven 94
4 P41- BARON 179 (G,S) G Richards 10-10-12 — M Moloney 96
5 P2-2 FRENCH CHARMER 20 J Gifford 8-10-5 — P Hide (3) ⓑ

11-10 Candy Tuff, 7-2 Mutual Trust, 5-1 French Charmer, 8-1 Smitton Lane, 12-1 Barkin.

3.20 REACH RECRUITMENT NOVICES CHASE
(£3,204: 3m 110yd) (9)

1 6P-5 ASK FOR MORE 16 (S) J Edwards 8-11-0 — P Niven —
2 10-U COMEDY SPY 22 (S) Mrs A Hewitt 9-11-0 — M A Fitzgerald ⓑ
3 P-55 HOWGILL 23 (F,G) R Hollinshead 7-11-0 — S Wynne (3) 97
4 410- MR FLANAGAN 233 (G) C Brooks 7-11-0 — J Railton —
5 00-4 PUNCHBAG 10 (G,S) G Ham 7-11-0 — D Bridgwater 89
6 0-F2 RUN UP THE FLAG 16 (F,S) J Gifford 6-11-0 — P Hide (3) 94
7 FINCH'S GEM G Richards 5-10-12 — N Doughty —
8 ONLY ME J J O'Neill 5-10-12 — M Dwyer —
9 3-FF GABRIELLA MIA 41 (S) A Jarvis 8-10-9 — T Jarvis —

6-4 Run Up The Flag, 4-1 Finch's Gem, 6-1 Comedy Spy, 8-1 Punchbag, Mr Flanagan, 10-1 Only Me, 16-1 others

3.50 BLAKEMERE NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,347: 2m 7f 110yd) (11)

1 3514 BROWNHALL 34 (G) M Charles 5-11-5 — Mr B Pollock (7) 97
2 3143 JOHNS THE BOY 14 (G) N Mason 7-11-5 — J Supple (5) 95
3 P- CARLSAN 399 Mrs A Price 7-10-12 — Mr M Jackson —
4 PUB- DUSKOMI 210 G Ham 7-10-12 — B Powell —
5 05-R SON OF IRIS 37 (BF) Mrs M Reveley 5-10-12 — P Niven —
6 /40 STEEL FABRICATOR 8 J J O'Neill 6-10-12 — M Dwyer 75
7 B0/- ANGEL FALLING 700 E Owen jun 5-10-7 — R Bellamy —
8 6P0- CARLINGFORD BELLE 223 J Needham 7-10-7 — M A Fitzgerald 92
9 U346 FILM LIGHTING GIRL 20 J Harris 7-10-7 — P Ward (7) 93
10 /F-3 GRAY'S ELLERGY 9 D Gandolfo 7-10-7 — J Railton ⓑ
11 PF00 MISTRESS BEE 8 S Coathup 4-10-6 — A S Smith —

9-4 Gray's Ellergy, 3-1 Son Of Iris, 9-2 Brownhall, 6-1 Johns The Boy, 7-1 Steel Fabricator, 10-1 Film Lighting Girl, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J White, 9 winners from 27 runners, 33.3%; G Richards, 34 from 124, 27.4%; N Twiston-Davies, 9 from 38, 23.7%; C Brooks, 4 from 17, 23.5%; J J O'Neill, 8 from 36, 22.2%; Mrs A Hewitt, 4 from 21, 19.0%.

JOCKEYS: N Doughty, 20 winners from 62 rides, 32.3%; M Dwyer, 10 from 43, 23.3%; P Niven, 4 from 19, 21.1%; L Harvey, 5 from 28, 17.9%; R Bellamy, 7 from 58, 12.1%; S Wynne, 3 from 25, 12.0%.

Mudahim wins praise

CHRIS Broad, the trainer, predicted a big future for Mudahim after the seven-year-old had won the Bingham Novices' Chase at Nottingham yesterday. "The sky's the limit," Broad said. "He's by far the best I've had." The race was won last year by Cab On Target.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

12.40 Blazon Of Troy. 1.10 Captain Cute. 1.40 Explosive Speed. 2.10 Fettle Up. 2.40 Jimster. 3.10 Munir. 3.40 Swordking.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (CHASE COURSE); STANDARD (HURDLES) — SIS

12.40 CONIFER NOVICES HURDLE
(All-weather: £1,689: 2m) (6 runners)

1 1212 BLAZON OF TROY 17 (CD,F,G) T Thomson Jones 4-11-10 — D Meade (7)
2 1 CLIFTON CHASE 17 (C,G) J Harris 4-11-5 — J A Harris
3 F2 BASSIO 9 C Allen 4-11-0 — J McLaughlin
4 2-05 GILT DIMENSION 67F (B) E Buckley 6-11-0 — R Supple
5 RITA'S RISK 858F R Spicer 4-11-0 — J Ryan
6 /U0P ZACTOO 16 B Preece 7-11-0 — T Wall

5-4 Blazon Of Troy, 7-4 Clifton Chase, 6-1 Bassio, 10-1 Gilt Dimension, 16-1 Zactoo, 20-1 Rita's Risk.

1.10 SYCAMORE NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE
(All-weather: £1,631: 2m 4f) (10)

1 P RONEO 16 Miss J Doyle 5-11-6 — S Curran (5)
2 S30/ THE LOVING MARTIAL 827 G Jones 9-11-0 — R Supple
3 /PP MATUSADONA 6 J Harris 6-10-12 — J A Harris
4 03F5 BILL QUILL 10 (B,S) R Frost 9-10-11 — R Darke (7)
5 6-36 CAPTAIN CUTE 30 D Garraton 8-10-11 — D Byrne
6 00 BLUE LYZANDER 50 R Brotherton 4-10-9 — V Slattery
7 P-P0 CHAGHATAI 9 W Clay 7-10-8 — Diane Clay
8 3PFP EASY TOOMEY 22 J Jenkins 5-10-8 — C Grant
9 0005 LAFANTA 17 J Wade 4-10-8 — K Jones
10 P-0P GLENSTAL PRIORY 13 S Avery 6-10-6 — Miss R Judge

3-1 Bill Quill, 4-1 Captain Cute, 5-1 Lafanta, 6-1 Chaghatai, 7-1 The Loving Martial, 8-1 Blue Lyzander, 10-1 Roneo, 14-1 Matusadona, 16-1 others.

1.40 HAWTHORN NOVICES CHASE
(Turf: £2,193: 2m) (5)

1 21U2 EXPLOSIVE SPEED 28 (D,F,G) M Hammond 5-11-9 — C Grant
2 46-F FLUIDITY 50 (F,G) E Buckley 5-11-3 — R Supple
3 44UF KING'S SHILLING 9 (BF,F,G) C Broad 6-11-3 — Jacqui Oliver
4 25/F SKELETOR 17 (B,S) T Tate 10-11-3 — R Garritty
5 F/00 SWING LUCKY 13 K Ivory 8-11-3 — R Campbell

5-4 Explosive Speed, 3-1 Skeletor, 9-2 King's Shilling, 6-1 Fluidity, 20-1 Swing Lucky.

2.10 OAK HANDICAP HURDLE
(All-weather: £1,828: 2m 4f) (10)

1 1115 HAVE A NIGHTCAP 17 (CD,G,S) J Harris 4-11-10 — J A Harris
2 3534 COURT CIRCULAR 85 (CD,F,G) W Clay 4-11-5 — Diane Clay
3 0-10 AUVILLAR 39 (V,D,G,S) D Burchell 5-10-12 — W Knox
4 /0-46 FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE 27 (D,F,G) B Preece 8-10-11 — T Wall
5 02FF SILENT CHANT 17 (V,D,F) A Blackmore 9-10-8 Mr R Griffiths (7)
6 11P- RAGTIME COWBOY JOE 273 (CD,G) J Allen 8-10-8 — Mr N Bradley (7)
7 4P-3 AUTONOMOUS 11 (F) X Bridgwater 8-10-6 — W Humphreys
8 -022 SPANISH WHISPER 32 (G,S) J Bostock 6-10-5 — D Byrne
9 1-13 FETTLE UP 9 (B,CD,BF,G) J Wharton 5-10-3 — B Dalton
10 U2-6 TRISTAN'S COMET 21 (CD,G) J Harris 6-10-0 — W McFarland

11-4 Court Circular, 7-2 Autonomous, 4-1 Have A Nightcap, 6-1 Auvillar, 7-1 Spanish Whisper, 8-1 Fettle Up, 12-1 Ragtime Cowboy Joe, 14-1 others.

2.40 WILLOW AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP CHASE (Turf: £2,409: 3m 110yd) (6)

1 -451 STAY ON TRACKS 7 (D,F,G,S) Mrs D Haine 11-12-7 (7ex) — N King (7)
2 U251 JIMSTER 3 (D,F,S) C Nash 11-10-6 (7ex) — C Hancock (7)
3 1-35 CHOCTAW 34 (F,G,S) P Beaumont 9-10-5 — Mrs A Farrell (3)
4 -355 CHANCERY BUCK 17 (D,F,G) R Frost 10-10-0 — N Moore (7)
5 20-2 RED COLUMBIA 17 (CD,G,S) F Coton 12-10-0 Mrs G Adkin (7)
6 0-02 IMPECCABLE TIMING 8 (S) D O'Neill 10-10-0 — A Mitchell (7)

2-1 Jimster, 3-1 Stay On Tracks, 7-2 Choctaw, 6-1 Chancery Buck, 7-1 Red Columbia, 10-1 Impeccable Timing.

3.10 BEECH HANDICAP HURDLE
(All-weather: £1,731: 3m) (6)

1 110- COSMIC DANCER 188F (C,G) S Woods 6-12-0 . Guy Lewis (7)
2 0P-6 RABA RIBA 17 (G) J Spearing 8-11-13 — V Slattery
3 5-14 MUNIR 23 (C,G) J Harris 4-10-13 — J A Harris
4 0435 SECRET LIASON 10 (B,G) K Bridgwater 7-10-4 — T Jenks (5)
5 6FP2 KEY DEAR 17 (F) R Juckes 6-10-0 — T Wall
6 PP-6P KILTONGA 10 (G) P Leach 6-10-0 — M Brennan

2-1 Munir, 3-1 Cosmic Dancer, 9-2 Key Dear, 5-1 Raba Riba, 7-1 others.

3.40 SILVER BIRCH NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(Turf: £1,234: 2m) (9)

1 0 BATTY'S ISLAND 42 B Preece 4-11-0 — E Husband
2 BROAD STEANE S Mellor 4-11-0 — S Curran (5)
3 COILED SPRING G Vergette 6-11-0 — T Jenks (5)
4 36- KNOW-NO-NO 258 M Hammond 4-11-0 — D Bentley (5)
5 PARAMOUNT T Thomson Jones 4-11-0 — D Meade (7)
6 43 SWORDKING 6 J Harris 4-11-0 — Mr I McLelland
7 WHYFOR S Knight 5-11-0 — Mr N Moore (7)
8 0 OLYMPIC WAY 10 W G M Turner 4-10-9 — R Darke (7)
9 0- SWEET FRIENDSHIP 421 E Buckley 5-10-9 — J McCarthy (5)

6-4 Swordking, 11-4 Know-No-No, 7-2 Paramount, 8-1 Broad Steane, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs D Haine, 10 winners from 22 runners, 45.5%; S Woods, 3 from 7, 42.9%; T Thomson Jones, 9 from 33, 27.3%; J Harris, 26 from 154, 16.9%; W Clay, 20 from 144, 13.9%; B Preece, 15 from 113, 13.3%.

JOCKEYS: Mr N Bradley, 4 winners from 8 rides, 50.0%; Diane Clay, 23 from 70, 32.9%; C Grant, 12 from 56, 21.4%; R Garritty, 22 from 112, 19.6%; R Supple, 30 from 161, 18.6%; Jacqui Oliver, 6 from 35, 17.1%.

□ Charlie Swan, the Irish champion jockey, completed a double on Atone and Jupiter Jimmy at Naas yesterday, taking his total for the season to 46.

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RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Taunton

Going: good

1.00 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Al Forum (D O'Sullivan, 9-4 fav); 2, Pocono Knight (14-1); 3, Sylvan Starlight (11-1). 12 ran. 6l, 2l. R Ingram. Tote: £4.30; £1.70, £4.50, £5.40. DF: £78.10. CSF: £34.02.

1.30 (3m ch) 1, Lucky Lane (C Maude, 6-1); 2, Lucayan Gold (25-1); 3, Hand Out (15-2). Mr Tittle Tattle 5-2 fav. 12 ran. 15l, 8l. P Hobbs. Tote: £5.50; £1.90, £14.90, £2.10. DF: £134.60. Trio: £424.70. CSF: £118.79. Tricast: £1,024.90.

2.00 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Miss Marigold (R Dunwoody, 2-1 fav); 2, Wolver Gold (13-2); 3, Cracking Angels (11-1). 8 ran. NR: Desert Palm. 2½l, 1l. R Hodges. Tote: £2.50; £1.60, £1.20, £3.00. DF: £5.60. CSF: £14.10. Tricast: £100.77.

2.30 (2m 3f ch) 1, San Lorenzo (N Williamson, 13-8); 2, Tudor Fable (5-6 fav); 3, Storm Flight (16-1). 7 ran. 8l, 3l. K Bailey. Tote: £2.40; £1.50, £1.40. DF: £1.40. CSF: £3.07.

3.00 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Nobleiy (N Williamson, 9-1); 2, High Mind (5-1); 3, Aal El Aal (5-6 fav). 13 ran. NR: My Old China. 8l, 5l. N Walker. Tote: £7.30; £1.80, £2.00, £1.50. DF: £17.90. CSF: £49.96.

3.30 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Frankus (N Mann, 11-2); 2, The Greysmith (5-1); 3, In The Game (20-1). Northern Crest 2-1 fav. 10 ran. NR: Mustahil. 2½l, 1½l. S Mellor. Tote: £3.60; £1.80, £1.90, £6.10. DF: £14.10. Trio: £88.40. CSF: £30.99. Tricast: £465.73.

Placepot: £228.80.

Nottingham

Going: good to soft

1.10 (2m hdle) 1, Marat (G McCourt, 7-2 fav); 2, Kutan (33-1); 3, Missed The Boat (6-1). 18 ran. 6l, 2l. J Jenkins. Tote: £4.20; £2.00, £37.20, £2.60. DF: not won. CSF: £113.53.

1.40 (2m 5f 110yd ch) 1, Mudahim (W Marston, 7-4 fav); 2, Lobric (20-1); 3, Fearsome (25-1). 8 ran. 25l, 1l. C Broad. Tote: £3.70; £1.20, £1.80, £3.10. DF: £25.10. CSF: £30.16.

2.10 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Ned The Hall (A Maguire, 11-10 fav); 2, Kenilworth (11-2); 3, Lie Detector (11-4). 12 ran. 4l, 7l. K Bailey. Tote: £2.00; £1.80, £1.60, £2.10. DF: £5.90. CSF: £8.58.

2.40 (2m 5f 110yd ch) 1, Ardcroney Chief (P Holley, 9-2); 2, Duo Drom (13-8 fav); 3, Wigtown Bay (10-1). 6 ran. 7l, 10l. D Gandolfo. Tote: £4.20; £1.50, £2.20. DF: £6.60. CSF: £11.88.

3.10 (2m hdle) 1, My Ballyboy (A Procter, 12-1); 2, Hostile Witness (9-4 fav); 3, Regal Aura (3-1). 13 ran. NR: La Villa Rose. ½l, 20l. A Bailey. Tote: £11.50; £2.00, £1.30, £1.60. DF: £20.50. CSF: £37.78.

3.40 (2m ch) 1, Persian Sword (A Maguire, 4-5 fav; Thunderer's nap); 2, Island Jetsetter (10-1); 3, Berkisland (8-1). 8 ran. NR: Lucky Again. 12l, 3l. D Nicholson. Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £3.10, £2.00. DF: £5.80. Trio: £18.10. CSF: £9.55. Tricast: £38.39.

Placepot: £15.40.

Centre of excellence restored for grand opening



de Glanville: stepping up

Recovered from his raking, Phil de Glanville starts a senior rugby union international for the first time tomorrow. **David Hands** reports

CENTRE of attraction or eye of the storm? There is no doubting which Phil de Glanville would have chosen to be this season, but a careless All Black boot in a ruck at Redruth made certain it would be the latter — until now. Tomorrow, he has the chance to revert to the former when he starts a match in a senior England rugby jersey for the first time, against New Zealand at Twickenham.

No scars from the unpleasantly close encounter in Cornwall? Only the fading red marks around his left eye, relics of the injury that put his name into the papers when the full extent of the raking he received playing for the South and South-West Division against the All Blacks became clear on television. Any lingering doubts were laid to rest in Bath's demanding league match with Leicester last weekend, de Glanville's return to the fray after three weeks' recuperation.

At least he can appreciate, too, the irony that, only a few weeks after such a low point in his playing career, he should win his first full cap thanks to the grumbling groin injury that has ruled out his centre partner at Bath, Jeremy Guscott: "Rugby is a cruel game, you have to snap up the opportunities that come your way," de Glanville said. "Three weeks ago was a massive down. Now I'm on a massive up."

You might think that de Glanville deserved such a stroke of fortune. Earlier this year, he could have been a British Lion had he not damaged a shoulder so severely playing for England A against British Columbia that, when the Lions management were thinking of sending for him to replace the injured Scott Hastings, he was bound for home himself.

In a sense, de Glanville, a marketing executive with Cow and Gate in Trowbridge, has flirted with the game's top honours without being able to seize them, which, for so positive and direct a player, has been frustrating. Though he already has two caps, they amount to no more than 26 minutes of rugby, as a replacement for Tony Underwood against South Africa a year ago and for Ian Hunter against Wales in February.

"I regard this as my first cap," de Glanville said. "It's hard because Jerry [Guscott] got injured, but that's how he got his first cap — when Will Carling pulled out of the game with Romania four years ago. Sitting on the bench [which he has done five times] is one of the most frustrating things. You are involved, but, when the game finishes, you have contributed nothing."

De Glanville, 25, has always been a contributor. The family name can be traced back 700 years, but this particular branch springs from Tavistock, in Devon. His father, Derek, was a useful player and de Glanville Jr dabbled with different sports at Bryanston Scool in Dorset before going on to Durham University for three years and a post-graduate diploma course at Oxford.

These were formative experiences that de Glanville would recommend to anyone and which did not notably set his rugby career back. Yet the finishing school was New Zealand itself, on tour with England B last year, and thus the wheel has gone full circle.

"I've played against a representative New Zealand XV three times and lost each time by not very much, which is annoying," he said. "In New Zealand last year, we learned that we need to play a pressure game much more. They put an awful amount of pressure on the half backs, the decision-makers, and we must do that to them."

De Glanville will play a more obvious game than Guscott, the man he replaces. He perceives himself as more of a link than the ruthless striker that Guscott has proved to be with 16 international tries.

But will he revert in the new year to being an onlooker once more? "Realistically, if Jerry is fit he will be picked for the five nations," de Glanville said. "All I can try and do is play to my full potential and make sure that, whatever happens in the future, I'm the one that slots in.

Denmark sets pace in battle against steroids

By John Goodbody

PEOPLE taking anabolic steroids, the body-building drug, could be jailed for a maximum of two years under a new law passed by the Danish government yesterday.

This is probably the harshest legislation passed against the possession of hormone drugs and contrasts with the attitude of the British government, which pledged similar action in 1988 but has never subsequently drafted any parliamentary bill.

Torben Lund, the health minister, told the Danish assembly yesterday that large doses of anabolic steroids, which have, in extreme cases, caused physical and mental disturbances, were a health hazard as well as a violation of the basic principles of sport.

Menzies Campbell, the Liberal Democrat MP and former Great Britain athlete, said: "The Danes have shown Britain how to act. It is nearly five years since the government here said it would pass legislation. It has also spurned the opportunities of my private member's bill to make them a controlled drug under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971."

Under legislation, it is only a criminal offence to sell anabolic steroids. Campbell has been campaigning to make it an offence to possess them, unless the individual has a medical prescription.

Hormone drugs, which can aid competitors to increase muscle bodyweight and help them recover more quickly from intensive exercise, were banned by the International Olympic Committee in 1975.

An estimated 50,000 Britons take anabolic steroids, which they have bought on the "Black Market" to improve their physiques and sporting performances. When taken in clinical doses, the drugs have no side-effects. However, many competitors take large quantities and combine them with a heavy training programme to gain the required benefits.

Evidence seen by a government-sponsored research project, whose work was published in May, indicates that serious crimes have been committed by people taking hormone drugs. Detective Carol Bristow, who, until 1990, was head of Scotland Yard's sexual offences unit, has also established a link between sex crimes and anabolic steroids.

The report, *Anabolic Steroid Use in Great Britain*, published by the Centre for Research on Drugs and Health Behaviour in May, said that "the view that certain varieties of anabolic steroids accentuate aggression is supported by many of the users we contacted".

Schooling ground for good sports by the Cam



FREUD ON FRIDAY

Much of the harm that is done to the good name of sport is caused by people going to events with preconceived ideas of what will occur: fighting at Millwall; being bullied by men with hats at Ascot racecourse; rained upon unremittingly at Manchester; molested by the dirty mackintosh brigade at Wimbledon...

The trouble is that if one expects such happenings, one is halfway to helping them take place. Let me give you an example: an actor friend of mine was appearing on Broadway and his run-of-the-play contract stipulated that in the light of New York muggings, he would go by limousine wherever he went. On the last night of the show, after the final curtain had come down, my friend decided to stroll down Sixth Avenue to his hotel ... and on the crowded pavement bumped into a man, apologised, walked on. Then he had an idea; checked that his wallet was in his jacket pocket, found it was not, turned round and shouted "Hey" at him into whom he had bumped and began to run after him.

The man turned round. My friend shouted "Yes you" and increased his pace, at which the man started to run also. The chase lasted under 100 yards. My friend was fitter, caught the man, held him tight, gasped "wallet" and when he was given it, slapped the man hard in the face and made his way back to the Waldorf Astoria. When he got to his room, his wallet was on the bedside table.

In the publicity for the first junior Oxford v Cambridge rugby match, it was announced that "each side will play running rugby in the true spirit of the game — with less regard to winning than to demonstrate skill and sportsmanship of the highest order". Furthermore, it was agreed, all penalties would be run.

Although these uplifting words were not written by Mr Martyn Lewis, one got the general drift ... and as there is unlikely to be much of that sort of rugby football at Twickenham tomorrow afternoon, I made the 50-minute journey from King's Cross to the banks of the River Cam.

The under-13 quasi-University match, curtain-raiser for the annual Cambridge University v Steele-Bodger's XV fixture, had both sides "drawn from the main rugby playing schools of the area": the home team had boys from St John's, St Faith's, Perse, King's, Melbourn and Bassingbourn. Oxford's XV, also their reserve, were from the Dragon School — rather as the Scottish amateur football team used to consist of the Queen's Park XI.

The boys were small, one forgets how small children under 13 can be, and the ball was junior sized though the pitch was standard. Kick-off 1.40pm.

MARC ASPLAND



Joe Aliker laces his boots as his Cambridge colleague, James Cowan, right, and Davy Young, the Oxford captain, chat before kick-off

And the game was just as we had been promised: fair ... although it was noticeable that Cambridge had taken the "less regard to winning" advice very much more to heart than their opponents, who played it tight, close to the ground, looking for much of the time like an invincible dark-blue oil-slick. Ninety nine per cent of the game took place in the Cambridge half and if there was a foul, I did not see it. Mr Lewis would have been really pleased.

Rupert Lloyd is a young man with a bright rugby future; Nico McEwen scored a fine try; Russell Arneil converted twice; Kenneth Bingham is an able scrum half and Davy Young, the dark blues captain, almost achieved a stunning dropped goal, which would have been more impressive had the entire threequarter line not been on his right, waiting for a pass.

Tom Hiddlestone had the ball kicked hard into his face, lay there felled. "What a brave boy," a woman said. Are you his mother? She denied it.

Cambridge were valiant in defeat, their halves worked well, they tackled like terriers and with only a minute to go and in the very best spirit of the game the light blues scrambled a try, initiated by James Cowan, touched down by Thomas Swarbrick — demonstrating considerable skill by the referee and sportsmanship by Oxford. It was well converted to make the final score 29-7. They have a saying in East Anglia: it is all over when the 4ft 2in hooker kicks a goal. The teams ran off. We applauded.

Give it a decade and these boys will be the very men who run out for their countries. Many of them for England, Jones for Wales, Bingham for Ireland, Arneil for the Scots. I am not absolutely certain about Rodolphe von Hofmannsthal, the Oxford flanker; perhaps he will be signed by Wigan.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 48

ARCIFINIOUS

(c) Having a frontier that forms a natural defence. from the Latin *arx* a defence. *arcēre* to ward off + *finis* a boundary. the exact sense of the word in Latin is disputed: "A title to Territory by reason of contiguity. in the case of Arcifinious States. so called according to Varro because their territory admits of *territory fit to keep the enemy out [fines arcendis hostibus idonei]*, in other words, of States whose territory admits of practical *limits, such as rivers and mountains, is a reciprocal title.*"

BRIMBORION

(a) "A thing without value or use". Littré. trash. nonsense. According to Littré a perversion of *breviārium* breviary. whence "foolish charms or superstitious prayers. used by old and simple *women* against the toothache. and any such threadware and musty rags of blind devotion".

VILLEGGIATURA

(a) An extended rural holiday, retreat, or retirement. a consummation devoutly to be wished on a bad day at the word factory, but usually unsatisfactory in practice. from the Italian *villeggiare* to live at a villa or in the country.

WHIMLING

(a) A miserable or insignificant creature. *cf. whifling*. with approximately the same meaning. and *whindle* to whine or whimper.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 ... Bf2! 2 Kxf2 Rxh2+ 3 Kf1 Rexe2! 4 Rxe2 Rh1+ and 5 ... Rxd1. Short has won a pawn but it only proved good enough for a draw.

The Daily Telegraph: Advertisement Correction

Our advertisement on November 12 promoting The Sunday Times Classified Motoring section compared the number of 4-wheel drive vehicle advertisements it had carried on November 7 with those published in the Daily Telegraph the previous day. The Sunday Times overstated its advertising predominance vis-a-vis the Daily Telegraph by a figure of 48. We apologise for this error.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN MEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final group: Pool A: Guildford 73 (Pearson 26, Brown 17, Duncan 14), Limoges 80 (M Young 38, D Young 22).
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Cleveland Cavaliers 113, Washington Bullets 107; Detroit Pistons 103, Boston Celtics 118; Indiana Pacers 97, Philadelphia 76ers 108; Miami Heat 102, Golden State Warriors 108; Charlotte Hornets 141, Los Angeles Lakers 124; San Antonio Spurs 109, Chicago Bulls 84; Minnesota Timberwolves 107, New Jersey Nets 106; Milwaukee Bucks 85, Atlanta Hawks 89; Phoenix Suns 120, Denver 107; Utah Jazz 93, Houston Rockets 95 (OT); Seattle SuperSonics 129, Sacramento Kings 93.

BOBSLEIGHING

ALTENBERG, Germany: World Cup: Two-man. 1, Germany I (Imm) 3:08.36; 2, Italy I 3:09.29; 3, Latvia I, 1:53.38; 5, Britain I (M Tout and E Selwood) 1:53.66. Overall: 1 C Langen (Ger), 100pts; 2, G Huber (It) 68; 3, H Schösser (Austria), 60, equal 4, G Hedder (Switz) and Tout, 52.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Adelaide: Queensland 330 (M Hayden 165) v South Australia. Sydney: New South Wales 353-5 (M Bevan 141, G Matthews 55 not out) v Tasmania.

FOOTBALL

SOUTH AMERICAN SUPERCUP: Final. São Paulo (Br) 2, Flamengo (Br) 2 (São Paulo won 5-3 on pens).
BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Semi-final stage, group one: Vitoria 2, Corinthians 1.
ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Newell's Old Boys 0, Gimnasia y Esgrima 0.
Late results on Wednesday.
EUROPEAN CUP: Champions League: Group A: Galatasaray (Tur) 0, Barcelona (Sp) 0; AS Monaco (Fr) 4, Spartak Moscow (Russ) 1. Group B: Ajax (Hol) 0, Panathinaikos (Gre) 0; AC Milan (It) 0, FC Porto (Por) 3. Werder Bremen (Ger) 2.
UEFA CUP: Third round: First leg: Norwich City 0, Internazionale (It) 1; Sporting Lisbon (Por) 2, Casino Salzburg (Austria) 0; Juventus (It) 3, Tenerife (Sp) 0; Brondby (Den) 1, Borussia Dortmund (Ger) 1.
FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Aston Villa 0, Southampton 2; Manchester United 0, Ipswich Town 0; Newcastle United 4, Sheffield United 0; Sheffield Wednesday 3, Oldham Athletic 0; Swindon Town 1, Queens Park Rangers 0; Tottenham Hotspur 1, Wimbledon 1; West Ham United 0, Arsenal 0.
FA CUP: First-round replay: Reading 1, Cambridge United 2.
ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Bolton Wanderers *, Crystal Palace 0.
ANGLO-ITALIAN CUP: International stage: Group A: Ascoli 3, Middlesbrough 0.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Celtic 2, Motherwell 0.
DIADORA LEAGUE: Second division: Edgware 2, Hungerford 2. Carlsberg Cup: First round: Postponed: Chesham v St Albans.
JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Postponed: Stowmarket v Thame.
FA VASE: Second round replay: Postponed: Alnwick v Potton, V-3.
PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Coventry City 0, Nottingham Forest 1. Postponed: Sunderland v Everton. Second division: West Bromwich Albion 2, Stoke City 0. Postponed: Hull City v Blackpool; Port Vale v Grimsby Town.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Brighton 0, Swindon Town 1; Oxford United 0, Ipswich Town 2; Portsmouth 1, Luton Town 0; Watford 1, Bristol Rovers 1. Postponed: Chelsea v Wimbledon. Second division: Postponed: Cardiff City v Torquay United. League Cup: Exeter City 3, Yeovil Town 2. Postponed: Bournemouth v Plymouth Argyle.

GOLF

MELBOURNE: Australian Open, Melbourne, first round (Australian unless stated): 65: B Faxon (US); 67: I Baker-Finch, D Ikasala-Smith, G Waite (NZ), P Senior, 68: B Hughes, P Jones, B Andrews, W Grady, 69: M Clayton, R Backwell, L Stephen, C Strange (US), G Joyner (SA), M Berry, M Ferguson, D Cole; 70: D Mercer (Can), P Maloney, R Davis, Kin Hla Han (Burma), D Armstrong, P Devenport (NZ), R Allenby, S Collins, W Smith; 71: C Gray, G Simpson, G Chalmers, J Dawes, J Woodland, L Wadkin, M Phillips (NZ), P O'Malley, S Barn, D Waldorf (US), W Brack (US), J Evans, J Stollenwerck (US), S Robinson, N Smith, P Floyd (US), S Ogle, J Morse (US), M Sperengo; 72: D Vera, D Armstrong, E Eglott (US), S Elkington, Z Zonkic, J Kay (Can), I Stanley, C Van Der Velde (Hol), J Senior, S Scahill (NZ), D Mocuenko, J Senden, A Lyle (GB), S Gan, S Appleby; 73, J Wade, M Roberts, B Shezrer, S Conran, T Gallo, G Kenny, M Allen, N Kerry, G Carrol, J Cooper, R Swanson, D Hall, C Parry, G Moorhead (NZ), J Payne (GB), L Parsons, M Campbell (NZ), R Whitcock, D Ecob, M Colandro (US). Other scores: 74: G Norman, E O'Connell (Ire); 75, C Moody (GB).
HARARE: Zimbabwe Open (South Africa unless stated): 68: G Reid; 69: M Stemer (Swe), S Hobday, D Teschlanche; 70: J Rasmussen (Den), R Fish (Eng), J Hutchings, J Hobday, S Pappas, N Henning, A Pitts (US), M McMurty (Zim), N Kamungeremu (Zim); 72: T Ashcraft (US), G Schroeder (US); 74: R Laing (US), C Williams (GB), S Dunlap (US), C Baron (GB); 75: T Menovich (Can), C Davison (GB).
KAMION, Japan: Casio World Open, first round, (Japanese unless stated), 67: S Hirgashi, J Hasegawa (Swe); 68: S Inouchi, M Brooks (US); 69: T Nakajima, F Minoza (Phi), K Tomori, Chen Tze-ming (Taiwan), S Maeda, P Mickelson (US), T Lehman (US), K Clearwater (US), G Morgan (US); Others, 71: D Ishii (US), C Rocca (It); 75: P Hoad (GB); 78: S Ballesteros (Sp).

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Ottawa Senators 1, New York Rangers 7; Buffalo Sabres 3, New Jersey Devils 5; Philadelphia Flyers 9, Montreal Canadiens 2; Pittsburgh Penguins 7, Boston Bruins 3; Tampa Bay Lightning 4, Hartford Whalers 1; Winnipeg Jets 1, Anaheim Mighty Ducks 2; Washington Capitals 5, St Louis Blues 2; Dallas Stars 2, New York Islanders 2 (OT); Detroit Red Wings 5, Vancouver Canucks 4; Calgary Flames 5, Toronto Maple Leafs 3; Chicago Blackhawks 3, Edmonton Oilers 1.

RACKETS

NOEL BRUCE CUP: Semi-finals: Eton bt Tonbridge 15-5, 12-15, 15-8, 15-5, 17-14; Marlborough bt Harrow 14-17, 15-5, 18-13, 12-12, 16-13. Final: Eton (W Boone and M Hugo-Williams) beat Marlborough (A Robertson and G Barker) 15-2, 15-10, 16-17, 15-4, 15-7.
SCHOOLS MATCH: Winchester bt Malvern 15-9, 3-15, 15-0, 4-15, 15-8, 15-8.

REAL TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB, London: George Wimpey British open championships: Second round: R Fahey (Aus) bt H Latham (GB), 6-4, 6-5, 6-3. Quarter-finals: Fahey bt M Gooding (GB), 6-2, 5-6, 6-0, 6-0; J Snow (GB) bt M Devine (GB) 6-5, 2-6, 6-5, 6-2.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Wigan 40, Sheffield Eagles 10. Postponed: Widnes v Leeds. Second division: Postponed: Bramley v London Crusaders.

SQUASH

KARACHI: World team championship: First qualifying round: Pool A: Australia 2, New Zealand 1, Pakistan 2, Egypt 1. Pool B: England 2, Holland 1 (P Whelock lost to L Bull 9-7, 3-9, 6-9, 7-9, C Walker bt M Vertogen, 9-2, 9-3, 6-9, 9-6, S Parke bt E van der Pluym, 9-2, 9-5, 9-2), Finland 3, Sweden 0. Pool C: Ireland 3, Spain 0 (D Ryan bt C Benitez, 9-1, 9-3, 9-2; W Hosey bt A Codina, 9-1, 9-5, 4-9, 9-0, 9-6; G Stewart bt S Miro, 9-4, 9-7, 9-7); Canada 3, France 0. Pool D: Scotland 2, Denmark 1 (P Nicol bt T Hoolgaad, 9-3, 9-2, 9-2; M Maclean lost to C Vinther, 5-9, 9-3, 6-9, 6-9; D Ritchie bt A Jacobsen, 9-2, 9-0, 9-1); Germany 3, Austria 0. Pool E: Malaysia 2, Hong Kong 1. Pool F: Brazil 2, Kuwait 1. Pool G: Nigeria 2, Switzerland 1. Pool H: United States 3, Japan 0. Second qualifying round: Pool A: Australia 3, Egypt 0; Pakistan 3, New Zealand 0. Pool B: Sweden 3, Holland 0; England 3, Finland 0 (P Marshall bt S Ebpuru, 9-7, 9-4, 9-0; P Whitlock bt K Peltonen, 9-3, 9-7, 9-6, S Parko bt J Raumolin, 3-9, 9-4, 9-6, 9-2). Pool C: Canada 3, Ireland 0, Spain 2, France 1. Pool D: Germany 2, Scotland 1 (S Frenz bt D Fletcher, 9-4, 9-5, 9-3; O Rucks bt M Heath 9-6, 9-10, 9-2, 9-3; H Wiens lost to Peter Nicol, 4-9, 9-3, 9-5, 9-1); Denmark bt Austria, 3-0. Pool E: Hong Kong 2, Argentina 1. Pool F: Singapore 2, Kuwait 1. Pool G: Wales 3, Switzerland 0 (G Davies bt R Kloez, 9-3, 9-6, 9-1, A Gough bt Y D Tonno, 5-9, 9-6, 9-3, 5-9, 9-2; A Davies bt R Donatsch, 1-9, 8-9, 9-0, 9-5, 9-0). Pool H: S Africa 3, United States 0.

TENNIS

JOHANNESBURG: ATP world doubles championship: Forbes-Segal group: T Woodbridge and M Woodforde (Aus) bt T Nestan (Hol) and C Suk (Cz), 6-7, 6-3, 6-2. Hewitt-McMillan group: G Connell (Can) and P Galbraith (US) bt M Kratzmann and W Masur (Aus), 6-4, 6-4. D Adams (Aus) and A Olhovskiy (Russia) bt L and M Jensen (US), 6-3, 6-4. Second round: Kratzmann and Masur bt Jensen and Jensen (US), 7-6, 5-7, 6-2.

YACHTING

AUCKLAND: Logan Cup match race, 1, R Coutts (NZ), 7 wins, 2, C Law (GB), 6; 3 equal, R Honor (Hol), P Gilmour (Aus), J Cutler (NZ), E Baird (US), 4, 7, B Paco (Fr), 3, 8 equal, T Dodson (NZ), M Holmberg (Swe), T Snedden (NZ), 1.

WEIGHTLIFTING

PONCE, Puerto Rico: 54kg: W Vargas (Cuba), 1,[illegible] world record.

England make stealthy start

From Colin McQuillan in Karachi

ENGLAND'S slow start in the world team squash championship here is not causing undue concern to Jonah Barrington, the coach, or Paul Wright, the team manager.

Barrington and Wright have watched England improve steadily in pool B while Pakistan, favourites for the title, have had everything thrown at them, including the rule book, in pool A.

An increasingly authoritative 3-0 win over Finland yesterday was not enough to separate England from two other contenders for the pool B semi-final places, but a 2-1 win over Sweden today will give them prime position.

In pool A, the semi-finalists are settled, but primacy will only be decided after Australia, the champions, and Pakistan, the argumentative host nation, have met today.

Pakistan are, in the view of many, fortunate to be in contention. After delaying Egypt for 70 minutes before their match on Wednesday, solely because they could not accept an upgrading of Jahangir Khan from third to second string following his achievement in reaching the World Open final earlier this week, the Pakistan team survived Egypt's protest only through a lenient interpretation of the time-keeping rules.

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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (29161)
7.00 Breakfast News (52442355)
9.05 Kilroy. The former MP hosts a topical discussion (s) (9973881) **9.45 Newshound** Current affairs quiz (1325423)
10.00 News (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (3762930) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (6176572)
10.30 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine programme with Anne Diamond and Nick Owen (78292268)
12.15 Pebble Mill. Judi Spiers is joined by the Bee Gees (s) (2128336) **12.55 Regional news** (76165268)
1.00 One O'Clock News. (Ceefax) (42862)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (42097355)
1.50 The Travel Quiz Hosted by Andi Peters (s) (27814607) **2.20 Holiday** Christmas shopping in Calais (r) (s) (59629607)
2.50 The Flying Doctors. Nick finds himself in the role of midwife. (Ceefax) (s) (9831510)
3.40 Cartoon (7735794)
3.45 Children's BBC: Dooby Duck's Euro Tour (r) (s) (7734065) **3.50 Philbert the Frog.** Cartoon (s) (4271751) **3.55 Superbods** (Ceefax) (s)(2371442) **4.10 The Animals of Farthing Wood** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (4871065) **4.35 Record Breakers** with Roy Castle, Cheryl Baker and Kriss Akabusi. (Ceefax) (s) (1266423) **5.00 Newsround** (1178862) **5.10 Byker Grove.** Drama series. (Ceefax) (2784355)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (516249). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News Weather with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) (959)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (539). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s)



Fund-raiser with Wogan, Cook, Peters (7.00pm)

7.00 CHOICE **Children in Need.** An evening with *Pudsey and friends* (2930)
7.30 Regional Children in Need Programmes (801775)
7.40 Children in Need. Terry Wogan meets the cast of *Sunset Boulevard* (296794)
8.00 Dimensions in Time. Noel Edmonds launches 3DTV week with a special *Dr Who* adventure (177572)
8.40 Children in Need with Terry Wogan (320510)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (5249)
9.30 Children in Need. Terry Wogan and Sue Cook turn the tables on prankster Jeremy Beadle (53317)
10.00 Children in Need. Pauline Quirke and Linda Robson sing Abba, Angus Deayton drops in with the *KYTV* gang, Michael Buerk presents a special *999* report and the Bee Gees make a guest appearance (4828065)
11.15 That's Showbusiness. Mike Smith is joined by Danny Baker and Loyd Grossman, representing the BBC; and Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin of Channel 4 (718355) **11.35 Regional Children in Need Programmes** (574133)
12.00 Into the Night with Pudsey Bear. Terry Wogan and Sue Cook return with *Revenge*; Pauline Quirke and Linda Robson perform a sketch written by Pauline; and the *Drop the Dead Donkey* team look at the morning's headlines (5787640). Includes at **1.15am** Regional Round-Up (99486) **1.45** Highlights (3760973) **1.55** Grand Total (3142485)
2.00 Weather (5505398). Ends at **2.05**

BBC2

6.55 FILM: Confidential (1935, b/w) Entertaining gangster yarn starring Donald Cook as an undercover FBI agent tracking mobster Herbert Rawlinson. Directed by Edward L. Cahn (2644602)
8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax) (9200220)
8.15 Westminster Daily. News from the Commons, Lords and Committees (7861030)
9.00 Daytime on Two Educational programmes including, for children **1.20 Fingermouse** (81365442) and **1.35 Crystal Tipps and Alistair** (96065997) **2.00 News.** (Ceefax) (90998775) **2.05 Words and Pictures** (s) (14859775)
2.15 Sport on Friday with Helen Rollason. Snooker coverage of the semi-final of the UK Championship from Preston's Guild Hall; Rugby Union: a preview of tomorrow's match between England and New Zealand at Twickenham (s) (640404). Includes at **3.00** and **3.50** News (Ceefax) and weather (7713572)
4.00 Snooker. The UK Championship from the Guild Hall, Preston. Key frames from the first session of the semi-final (s) (9607)
6.00 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons. Gerry Anderson's puppet series. (Ceefax) (933268)
6.25 The Man from Uncle. Ilya is taken prisoner in Africa. (Ceefax) (756713)
7.15 The Living Soap. Fly-on-the-wall look at the lives of six students in Manchester (s) (502775)
7.45 CHOICE **In the Red: Chasing the Chancellor** (811152)
8.00 Public Eye: Howard's Way. The home secretary, Michael Howard, believes that prison works, and that more offenders should receive custodial sentences. Su Pennington reports from one of Britain's most hard-pressed prisons (9220)
8.30 The Wartime Kitchen and Garden. Harry Dodson and Ruth Mott relive their experiences of the second world war. (Ceefax) (s) (8355)
9.00 Bottom. Outrageous comedy series written by and starring Adrian Edmondson and Rik Mayall (r). (Ceefax) (s) (6591). **Wales:** Between Ourselves



A pit stop for Ayrton Senna's car (9.30pm)

9.30 CHOICE **The Team — A Season with McLaren.** (Ceefax) (s) (51959)
10.00 Have I Got News for You. Angus Deayton, Ian Hislop and Paul Merton are joined by Jimmy Tarbuck and Vitali Vitaliev (14930)
10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (232355)
11.15 The Larry Sanders Show. Satirical comedy series starring Garry Shandling and Rip Torn (885510). **Wales:** Welsh Lobby
11.45 Weather (109210). **Wales:** The Larry Sanders Show (884881); 12.15am Weather (6549060); 12.20-1.40 Snooker (3175517)
11.50 Snooker. David Vine introduces coverage of the first session of the second semi-final of the UK Championship (700997). Ends at **1.40am**

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CHOICE



Members of Southwold's beach hut set (C4, 8.00pm)

Short Stories: Dream Huts
Channel 4, 8.00pm

Known affectionately as God's waiting room on account of its elderly population, Southwold in Suffolk is the epitome of unchanging Britain. According to the locals, it is the same as it ever was and if they have their way it will go on defying the 20th century for another thousand years at least. Symbolic of this traditional culture is the resort's imposing line of beach huts. They went up in the 1930s when well-heeled families arrived for the season with their cooks and butlers. The servants may have gone but not the gentility. Respectable ladies get out the bone china and pass round the salmon sandwiches as the North Sea pounds against the stony beach. Emma Black's film records these rituals with affection and humour.

Children in Need
BBC1, 7.00pm

There are two significant changes this year to the BBC's marathon fund-raiser. The first is that Sue Cook *is joined on the sofa not by* Terry Wogan *but* Andi Peters. The good news is that Terry is out of the studio, touring London on a hospital bed pushed by the cast of *Casualty*. The bad news is that he will be back later on. The second innovation is even more momentous. If you shell out 99p for a pair of special glasses, available from well-known chain stores, you can watch some of the evening on 3-D. Among the three-dimensional treats are a special adventure in which *Dr Who* meets the *EastEnders*, David Bellamy and the Pet Shop Boys. Programmes in 3-D over the coming week include *Noel's House Party* and *Blue Peter*.

The Team – A Season with McLaren
BBC2, 9.30pm

McLaren's top driver Ayrton Senna has a spectacular crash at Monaco, leaving his car a crumpled wreck. And that is only in practice. But as if galvanised by Anneka Rice, McLaren's mechanics manage to rebuild the vehicle and have it trackworthy in just two hours. The film celebrates these unappreciated heroes. Their world is a narrow one, bounded by garage walls, pit lanes, aircraft and hotel rooms, as they make their annual tour of the Grand Prix circuits. If the driver wins, he gets the glory. If the car blows up, the mechanics get the blame, and McLaren has got used to success. This enjoyable series continues to appeal to those who would not know Murray Walker if he shouted at them from three yards.

In the Red
BBC2, 7.45pm

The six amateur Chancellors of the Exchequer from Bristol visit the Conservative party conference in Blackpool. They share an agreeable meal with the charming John Cole, have a stroll on the beach and enjoy themselves at a hop. But for hints on how to lop £5 billion off the budget deficit, the trip is less than fruitful. One of the team gets a hello from John Major and another puts a question to Kenneth Clarke. A hard-right MP gives the standard hard-right line. Lord Tebbit says that if you try to tax the rich, the rich will find ways around it. The biggest disappointment is Lord Lawson. One by one, the six line up to buy a signed copy of his memoirs. His lordship's response is somewhat short of gracious. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (8763268)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep Shopping contest (s) (7435317) **9.55 London Today** (6185220)
10.00 The Time . . . the Place. Topical discussion (s) (3292442)
10.35 This Morning. Magazine programme with hosts Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley (78286607) **12.20 London Today** (7083862)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (9021084)
12.55 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (9006775)
1.25 Home and Away. Sarah is upset by Tug's possessiveness. (Teletext) (30375133)
1.55 A Country Practice Steve adopts a stray dog suspected of killing sheep (s) (42085510)
2.20 Capital Woman Anneka Rice and Stephen Gardner explore how men get in touch with their feelings (s) (59614775)
2.50 Take the High Road (7160336) **3.20 ITN News** headlines (4324171) **3.25 London Today** and weather (4323442)
3.30 Children's ITV: Alphabet Castle (s) (2363423) **3.40 Tots TV** Puppetry (s) (7744442) **3.50 Scooby Doo** Doggy cartoon (7740626) **4.00 Astro Farm** (Teletext) (s) (1460046) **4.15 The Legends of Treasure Island** Animation (s) (4865404) **4.40 Knightmare.** Adventure contest (s) (5088539)
5.10 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (2951510)
5.40 ITN Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Teletext) and weather (140355)
6.00 London Tonight. (Teletext) (76268)
7.00 Family Fortunes Quiz game show (s) (7626)



O'Brien, Kirkbride on the home front (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street Deirdre (Anne Kirkbride) is shocked to discover that Craig (Kieren O'Brien) has moved into her house. (Teletext) (591)
8.00 FILM: Voyage of Terror: the Achille Lauro Affair (1990) Burt Lancaster and Robert Culp star in this international co-production about the 1985 hijacking, by four Palestinians, of the Mediterranean cruise ship the Achille Lauro. Heavily cut from its original and very unwieldy 200 minutes running time, this fact-based drama also features Eva Marie Saint, Renzo Montagnani and Dominique Sanda. Directed by Alberto Negrin. (Teletext) (5591)
10.00 News at Ten with Julia Somerville (Teletext) and weather (41084) **10.30 London Tonight** (250143)
10.40 Crime Monthly. Ross King presents news and information about real-life police investigations in London and the South East (s) (338978)
11.40 Speakeasy Special — Aids Marking National Aids Day, this programme is primarily aimed at 16 to 24-year-olds, asking why still only 70 per cent of young heterosexuals use condoms with a new sexual partner. Lively studio discussion involves celebrities, experts and people who are HIV-positive (s) (453046)
12.40am Dial Midnight Phone-in with humour, music and a dating line. Presented by Wendy Lloyd and Bob Mills (s) (3439737)
1.40 The ITV Chart Show (s) (3360195)
2.40 Whale On. Much talk with the ebullient James Whale (3647089)
3.40 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (31835737)
4.10 TXT. Music and chat (6985843)
5.00 Riviera. Euro-drama (21621)
5.30 ITN Morning News (43282). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Ulysses 31 A re-run of the series of animated tales set in the 31st century (14591)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (65713)
9.00 You Bet Your Life Bill Cosby hosts the American game show (r) (s) (28133)
9.30 Schools Eureka! (1320978) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen (5053881) **10.02** Power and Politics in the Modern World (6100539) **10.23** Picture Box (1482404) **10.40** Off Limits (8702713) **11.05** Choices (9607713) **11.22** Stage One (7530404) **11.40** How We Used to Live (5134862)
12.00 House to House. Political analysis and comment presented by Maya Even (48997)
12.30 Sesame Street. Today's guest is the actor Mel Gibson (94355)
1.30 Kaboodle. Action and animation (r) (58862)
2.00 FILM: A Ticket to Tomahawk (1950). Silly but engaging western with Dan Dailey and Anne Baxter involved in a stagecoach-versus-railroad contest amid the Rockies. Watch out for a cameo by Marilyn Monroe. Directed by Richard Sale (703910)
3.40 Farewell Little Island. Animation (2341201)
3.55 Travelog Featuring the New Forest and New York (r). (Teletext) (s) (3026997)
4.30 Fifteen to One. (Teletext) (s) (404)
5.00 Cutting Edge (r). (Teletext) (4539)
6.00 Hangin' with Mr Cooper. American comedy for teenagers. (Teletext) (s) (997)
6.30 Happy Days. Fifties-set American sitcom. (Teletext) (249)
7.00 Channel 4 News. Norman Lamont makes his debut as a correspondent, interviewing Lord Lawson and Karl Otto Pohl. (Teletext) Weather (580152) **7.50 First Reaction.** Bryan Appleyard on the allure of Mr Blobby (s) (197084)
8.00 CHOICE **Short Stories: Dream Huts.** (Teletext) (1688)
8.30 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (3423)
9.00 Plant Life. Healthy roots (Teletext) (8959)
9.30 Cheers. Cult comedy series, set in an Boston bar (r). (Teletext) (79355)
10.00 Nurses. Footballer Larry Csonka gives Hank some tips. (Teletext) (s) (49626)
10.30 Clive Anderson Talks Back to Gary Lineker, Diane Abbot, MP, and Bob McMath (s) (236171)
11.10 The Word. Pop music magazine (s) (112152)
12.10am Late Licence. Preview of tonight's line-up, which begins at 2.00 (4889621)



Art works for Emmanuelle Chaulet (12.20am)

12.20 FILM: All the Vermeers in New York (1990). Lucid low-budget romance with plenty to say about perceptions of art in the money-obsessed 1980s. Emmanuelle Chaulet and Stephen Lack are convincing as an aspiring actress and a frazzled financier, drawn together by their mutual interest in the works of the Dutch master. With Grace Phillips. Directed by John Jost (s) (409992)
2.00 Ready, Steady, Go! (b/w). Pop music show from the 1960s archives, featuring the Animals, the Beatles, the Rolling Stones and Lulu (r) (7535640)
2.35 Naked City. Recent chart music (r) (5284379)
3.40 The Clangers. Animation with the much-imitated warbling moonies (r) (35258737) **3.50 Motorway.** Italian travelogue with music from Art of Noise (55606195) **4.15 The Pogues: Completely Pogued.** The Irish band recorded at London's Town and Country Club (874640). Ends at **5.15**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW. 4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **7.00** Mark Goodier **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News 93 **6.30** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **10.00** John Peel (FM only from 12.00) **1.00-6.00am** Mark Tonderai (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo **4.00am** Children in Need. Call 0500 221122 to pledge money **5.00** Sarah Kennedy incl at **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan incl at **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Maestro: Richard Stilgoe with the musical quiz **7.30** Friday Night Is Music Night **8.45** Michael Round at the piano **9.00** Listen to the Band **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme **12.05** Digby Fairweather **1.00** Jon Briggs incl at **1.30, 3.30** Pause for Thought

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Morning Edition with Michele Stephens **9.00** For Schools Primary Georgraphy, Castries, St Lucia, **9.15** Playtime: **9.30** Music Box; **9.45** Something to Think About; Infant Assemblies: **10.00** Music Workshop Music Course 3 **10.25** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** It's My Life by Robert Leeson **1.00** News and Sport **1.10** The Crunch **2.30** BFBS Worldwide **4.05** John Inverdale's Drive-In **6.30** WICR by Allan Sutherland **7.15** Love Them, Hate Them: The Smile by Michelle Magorian **7.30** Popcall with Tim Smith **8.30** Euromix with Robert Elms **9.30** 20th-Century Vampire by Joe Turner **10.10** Rave **12.00-12.10am** News. Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT. 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** News **6.10** British News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Free at Last **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Music Review **9.00** News **9.05** Business Report **9.15** Global Concerns **9.30** On the Move **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News **10.01** Focus on Faith **10.30** Broadway Lights **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Free at Last **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf, *The Master* **2.45** Global Concerns **3.00** News **3.15** Music Review **4.00** News **4.10** British News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.05** Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** Nachrichten **7.05** Kaleidoskop **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.10** British News **10.15** People and Politics **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** Business Report **11.15** Worldbrief **11.30** Multitrack 3 **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** From the Weeklies **12.45** The Learning World **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Short Story: Writer's Block **1.45** Jazz Now and Then **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** People and Politics **3.00** News **3.10** British News **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** The Vintage Chart Show **4.00** News **4.15** Good Books

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Saint-Saëns (Piano Concerto in G minor) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard **7.00** Classic Verdict **8.00** Evening Concert Rachmaninov (Isle of the Dead), Poulenc (Organ Concerto), Tchaikovsky (Aurora's Wedding, Sleeping Beauty) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Kevin Greening **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Emperor Rosko **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00am** Paul Coyle

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 1.55pm A Country Practice (42085510) **2.20-2.50** Gardening Time (59614775) **5.10-5.40** Travel Trails (2951510) **6.00** Home and Away (920794) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (449046) **10.45** The Big Day (184161) **11.45** FILM: The Pick-Up Artist (408648) **1.05am** Whale On (6119485) **2.05** Raw Power (9642718) **3.05** Entertainment UK (9085263) **4.00** Get Wet (74350) **4.30** Riviera (43331) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.55pm Shortland Street (42085510) **2.20-2.50** Material World (59614775) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Games and Videos (2951510) **6.00** Home and Away (920794) **6.25-7.00** Central News (449046) **12.10am** Tropical Heat (4260350) **1.10** Whale On (8118756) **2.10** The Beat (9641089) **3.10** Entertainment UK (9082176) **4.05** Jobfinder (3601805)

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.55pm A Country Practice (42085510) **2.20-3.20** Highway to Heaven (5823046) **6.00** HTV News and Weather (355) **6.30-7.00** HTV Sportsweek (607) **10.40** Late and Live (6057688) **12.10am** The ITV Sports Awards (4207027) **1.05** Whale On (6119485) **2.05** Raw Power (9642718) **3.05** Entertainment UK (9085263) **4.00** Get Wet (74350) **4.30** Riviera (43331) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (21621)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.00pm Wales at Six (355) **6.30-7.00** Get Going (607) **8.00-10.00** Ballroom (5581) **10.40** The Mel Pope Show (338978) **11.40-12.10pm** The Big Story (299930)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 1.55pm A Country Practice (42085510) **2.20** Take the High Road (59614775) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (7160336) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (4323442) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes — The Listings (655978) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (76268) **10.30** Meridian News and Weather (250143) **10.40** Married With Children (556794) **11.10** Late Night Live (451125) **11.55** Sledge Hammer (228442) **12.25am** Whale On (4266534) **1.25** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6485060) **1.55** Raw Power (7446089) **2.55** Cue the Music (3651669) **3.55** Sprockets (6792466) **4.30** The Art of Landscape (43331) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen

TYNE-TEES

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Tyne Tees News (6185220) **12.20pm** Tyne Tees News (7092510) **12.25-12.30** Lookaround (7091881) **1.55** A Country Practice (42085510) **2.20** Murder, She Wrote (3904930) **3.10** Help Yourself (4302959) **3.15-3.20** Five Minutes (4394930) **3.25-3.30** Tyne Tees News (4323442) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (383881) **6.30-7.00** Waddell's World (607) **10.30** Tyne Tees News (250143) **10.40** The Hidden Room (558794) **11.10** FILM: Sahara (271161) **1.05am** Whale On (6119485) **2.05** The Big E (9654553) **3.00** FILM: Prize of Arms (199485) **4.55** The Twilight Zone (39081060)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Westcountry Latest (6185220) **12.20pm-12.30** Westcountry Latest (7083862) **1.55** The Sullivans (27808046) **2.25** Gardener's Diary (59613046) **2.55-3.20** A Country Practice (1471292) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry Latest (4323442) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (76268) **10.30** Westcountry Latest (250143) **10.40** FILM: Broken Promise (90807510) **12.30am** Love and War (14282) **1.00** My Story (7136534) **1.05** Whale On (6119485) **2.05** Raw Power (9642718) **3.05** Entertainment UK (9085263) **4.00** Get Wet (74350) **4.30** Riviera (43331) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (21621)

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As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Calendar News (6185220) **12.20pm-12.30** Calendar News (7083862) **1.55** A Country Practice (42085510) **2.20** Murder, She Wrote (3904930) **3.10** Help Yourself (4302959) **3.15-3.20** Five Minutes (4394930) **3.25-3.30** Calendar News (4323442) **5.55** Calendar (383881) **6.30-7.00** Calendar Fashion (607) **10.30** Calendar News (250143) **10.40** Prudential Awards for the Arts (558794) **11.10** FILM Sahara (271161) **1.05am** Whale On (6119485) **2.05** The Big E (9654553) **3.00** FILM: Prize of Arms (199485) **4.55** The Twilight Zone (39081060) **5.25-5.30** Get Stuffed (7467379)

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Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (65713) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (28133) **9.30** Schools (621607) **12.00pm** House to House (48997) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (59591) **1.00** FILM Song Without End (87164930) **3.25** Laurel and Hardy (4321084) **3.30** The Talking Show (713) **4.00** Slot 23 (2775) **5.00** Trash Talk (5404) **5.30** Fifteen to One (864) **6.00** News (474161) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (289084) **6.25** Heno (447688) **7.00** Plant Mewn Angen (973797) **7.10** Pobol Y Cwm (527387) **7.40** Plant Mewn Angen (823997) **7.50** Pelydr X (931355) **8.20** Plant Mewn Angen (975084) **8.30** Newyddion (3423) **9.00** Aria (799404) **9.55** Plant Mewn Angen (592336) **10.00** Brookside (49626) **10.30** Clive Anderson Talks Back (580404) **11.05** Plant Mewn Angen (693607) **11.10** The Word (112152) **12.10am** Snwcer (8450553) **1.00** LaToya Jackson Faces the Devil's Advocate (2281027) **1.45** Baggage (3139911) **1.50** Late Licence (53571282)

RADIO 3

6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air with Andrew McGregor incl Copland (An Outdoor Overture); Sabbatini (Fulmina da la bocca); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 18 in B flat, K456); Satie, arr Milhaud (Jack-in-the-box); Delius (Two Aquarelles), Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 1 in F, BWV 1046)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Panufnik. Roxanna Panufnik introduces Autumn Music; Violin Concerto: Symphony No 10
10.00 Musical Encounters with Mairi Nicolson. Elgar (Violin Concerto); Monteverdi (Ave Maris Stella, Vespers); Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 5 in E minor); Kreisler (Caprice viennois; Liebesfreud)
12.00 Voices: Chopin (Nineteen Songs, Op 74) Chopin, trancr Liszt (The Wish; Merrymaking; My Darling; The Bridegroom) (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert, from St George's, Brandon Hill. Rebecca Hirsch, violin and John Lenehan, piano, perform Grieg (Violin Sonata No 3 in C minor, Op 45); Enescu (Violin Sonata No 3 in A minor, Op 25, Dans le caractère populaire roumain)
2.00 Latin Americana: Choral Music Old and New. BBC Singers and Lontano under Odaline de la Martinez perform music by Juan de Araújo, Jesús Pinzón, Villa-Lobos, Marlos Nobre
3.00 Mining the Archive: The Amadeus Quartet with Cecil Aronowitz, viola, performs Beethoven (String Quintet in C, Op 29; String Quartet in A minor, Op 132)
4.30 Traditional Music from Poland. The Happy Prince and the Evil Dragon. Songs and dances from Krakow
5.00 In Tune with Richard Baker. Incl Berlioz (Overture, Benvenuto Cellini); Paisiello (Il mio ben quandi verra); Lully (Divertissement II); Mozart (String Quartet in C, K465, Dissonance)
7.45 Docklands Sinfonietta under Sian Edwards with Eileen Hulse, soprano, live from Queen Elizabeth Hall, London, performs Roussel (little Suite); Lutoslawski (Chantefleurs et Chantefables); Szymanowski (Songs of a Fairy-Tale Princess); Haydn (Symphony No 60 in D, Il Distratto). In the interval at **8.25** Watering Flowers in a House on Fire: The literary world of Karel Szymanowski (r)
9.40 Snapshots: Streetscenes. Bogdan Frymogen explores the centre of Krakow
10.00 Haydn's Pupil and Wife: Delmé String Quartet with James Dower, flute, perform Pleyel (String Quartet in D, Op 1 No 6); Boccherini (Quintet in G)
10.25 Chopin Nocturnes: Kathryn Stott, piano, performs No 3 in B, Op 9 No 3; No 5 in F sharp, Op 15 No 2; No 7 in C sharp minor, Op 27 No 1; No 20 in C sharp minor, Op posth
10.45 Conrad: A Polish Writer. Christopher Hope examines the effects of living in exile
11.30 Midnight Oil, presented by Sarah Walker, including Dorota Dywanska (Outgrowth), Kazimierz Serocki (Continuum); Tadeusz Baird (Psychodrama, Concerto Lugubre)
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.25am Night School (Except in Scotland. As broadcast this am on R5)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day with Michael Shoesmith **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day with Philip Crowe **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is the author Doris Lessing (r)
9.45 Feedback, with Chris Dunkley of the *Financial Times*
10.00-10.30 No Further Questions? (FM only): Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea. In the last of the series, Nicholas Stewart, QC, examines the case of two shipwrecked seamen who killed and ate their cabin boy. Dramatised by Paul Burns
10.00 News; An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Jeremiah. Final part (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murray. Serial: *Guppies for Tea.* Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 The Natural History Programme, presented by Kelvin Boot
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25pm The Food Programme
12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Classic Serial: Riders of the Purple Sage (r). See Choice
3.00 News; Special Assignment
3.30 Your Place or Mine? On the Package. See Choice
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope: Includes masterpieces from Amsterdam's Mesdag Collection on show in Edinburgh; a review of Pete Townsend's rock opera *The Iron Man*; and playing live in the studio, Paul Jones and the Blues Band
4.45 Short Story: An Object of Desire, by Robert Graham. Read by Eileen O'Brien (r)
5.00 PM, with Hugh Sykes and Linda Lewis **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places: Janet Trewin and Peter Macann explore the world of transport
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week, with Benjamin Zephaniah
8.05 Any Questions? Chairman Jonathan Dimbleby is joined by Vernon Bogdanor, reader in government at Oxford university; Sir Rhodes Boyson, MP, member of the executive of the 1922 Committee; Rana Kabbani, writer; and Austin Mitchell, MP
8.50 Law in Action: Marcel Berlins looks at how developments in the law affect our lives
9.15 Kaleidoscope: Paul Allen talks to Adrian Noble, artistic director of the Royal Shakespeare Company (r)
9.45 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke **9.59 Weather**
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: We Are Still Married, by Garrison Keillor (r)
11.00 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news, with Sally Grace, Jeffrey Holland and Toby Longworth
11.25 The Financial Week, with Heather Payton
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Your Place or Mine? *Radio 4, 3.30pm.*

Chris Brooks, making his recordings in Newfoundland, has produced the most doleful programme heard thus far in this never-two-the-same documentary series. Its pessimism is compounded by the woman folk-singer whose sad ballad is threaded through it like a grey ribbon. Fish stocks have dwindled to nothing off this Canadian coastline, and a two-year moratorium on fishing has not brought back the cod on which the trawlermen depend. This is the high price of human greed, and the warning has universal significance.

Riders of the Purple Sage. *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*

A cowboy serial on radio? As improbable, surely, as a Reith Lecture on television. Congratulations all round, therefore, on the rootin' tootin' success achieved by writer Ed Thomason, his director Adrian Bean, and their Anglo-American cast. Not that Zane Grey's famous yarn is just any old western. There are hidden depths in this tale of a Mormon-hating gunman (Stuart Milligan) who saves a Mormon rancher (Shelley Thompson) from several fates only marginally less awful than death. **Peter Davalle**

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (50438268) **8.40** Lamb Chops (4053404) **9.10** Cartoons (9564336) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (11355) **10.00** Card Sharks (3075626) **10.25** Concentration (3429423) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (88688) **12.00** Urban Peasant (71249) **12.30pm** Paradise Beach (15171) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (10626) **2.00** Hart To Hart (53404) **3.00** Another World (8395355) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (8297626) **5.00** Star Trek. The Next Generation (3201) **6.00** Games World (3171) **6.30** Paradise Beach (4423) **7.00** Rescue (4930) **7.30** Growing Pains (5797) **8.00** WWF (53355) **9.00** Cops (24355) **9.30** Code 3 (27797) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (43978) **11.00** The Kennedys (82881) **12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (69805) **1.00am** Night Court (18244) **1.30-2.00am** Maniac Mansion (48973)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise Europe (8869930) **9.30** Nightline (73959) **10.30** Memories of 1970-91 (55065) **11.30** Japan Business Today (82997) **12.30pm** World News/Business (59881) **1.30** News (50510) **2.30** Parliament (84794) **3.30** The Lords (86423) **4.30** World News/Business (8020) **5.00** Live at Five (895220) **7.30** *Financial Times* Reports (13794) **9.30** Talkback (27779) **10.00** International Hour (96268) **11.30** News (68249) **12.30am** World News (81176) **1.30** Critical Earth (79824) **2.30** Memories of 1970-91 (97669) **3.30** Talkback (92114) **4.30** Beyond 2000 (86602) **5.30** News (74176)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (6709572)
10.00 The Pistol (1990) A young basketball player tangles with his coach's son (93959)
12.00 Kona Coast (1968) A fishing boat skipper hunts for his daughter's killers (67607)
2.00pm Forty Guns to Apache Pass (1966). Western with Audie Murphy (27930)
4.00 Disaster on the Coastliner (1979) Lloyd Bridges and Raymond Burr try to prevent high-speed trains colliding (8133)
6.00 The Pistol (as at 10.00) (47794)
8.00 Overruled (1992). A woman takes justice into her own hands when her daughter's murderer is set free (24923626)
9.40 US Top Ten (782997)
10.00 By the Sword (1991) F. Murray Abraham and Eric Roberts star as fencing rivals (83794)
11.30 Bruce the Superhero (1984): Bruce Lee runs amok (698688)
1.05am Naked Tango (1991) Mathilda May flees her stuffy husband, only to wind up trapped in a Buenos Aires brothel (7085398)
2.35 Ragewar (1983) A computer whizzkid is disturbed to find himself in a real-life version of Dungeons and Dragons (4562466)
4.00 Schizoid (1980). Klaus Kinski plays a psychiatrist who discovers that his patients are being stalked by a crazed scissor-wielding maniac (75447). Ends at **5.30**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm The Misfits (1961) A cowboy and a divorcee search for meaning in their lives. With Clark Gable and Marilyn Monroe (23491355)
8.05 There Was a Crooked Man . . . (1970): Kirk Douglas organises a jail break, in between spars with Henry Fonda (68199336)
10.10 Fat City (1972): A young California boxer finds a mentor in an old pro. With Stacy Keach, Jeff Bridges (755152). Ends at **11.45**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am The Swinger (1966): Ann-Margret loosens up to attract sleazy editor Tony Franciosa (12404)
8.00 The Good, The Bad and Huckleberry Hound. The level-headed hound sets out to raise livestock (75626)
10.00 Top Cat and the Beverly Hills Cats. TC and his feline friends unexpectedly come into the money (84201)
12.00 Duel at Silver Creek (1952) A murder suspect goes on the trail of the real killer. With Audie Murphy (65249)
2.00pm Lost in the Barrens (1990): Two young boys get lost (25572)
4.00 The Good, The Bad and Huckleberry Hound (as 8am) (8775)
6.00 Quicksand: No Escape (1991): A architect is blackmailed by a corrupt detective (45336)
8.00 True Identity (1991): Lenny Henry stars as an actor forced to pose as a white man to hide from the Mafia dons (24921268)
9.40 Special Feature: John Landis (780539)
10.00 Kuffs (1992): Christian Slater inherits his murdered brother's police protection agency. With Milla Jovovich (687152)
11.45 Dollman (1991): A maverick cop on the planet Arturus crashes on earth (655152)
1.10am Quiet Days in Clichy (1989). A womanising photographer, Nigel Havers, moves in with Andrew McCarthy (238992)
2.55 Little Darlings (1980): Two teenage girls moon over boys at summer camp (107379). Ends at **4.30**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer News (5663572) **7.15** Prime Bodies (706404) **7.45** NHRA Drag Racing (705775) **8.15** Soccer News (3594713) **8.30** Motor World (34317) **9.00** Prime Bodies (58997) **9.30** ATP Tennis (85539) **10.00** Ringside Boxing (65775) **12.00** FA Cup Football (16997) **2.00pm** European Basketball Championships (74862) **4.00** Boots 'n' All (51423) **5.00** Boot Room (5201) **6.00** Soccer Weekend (64046) **7.00** The Big League Live (442152) **9.30** Golf: PGA Grand Slam (75442) **11.00** Soccer Weekend (43539) **12.00** The Football Show (57282) **1.30-4.00am** The Big League (331843)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (31794) **8.00** Euroski Magazine (12323) **9.00** Alpine Skiing (30626) **10.00** European Football (88997) **11.30** Alpine Skiing Highlights (5378510) **11.50** Alpine Skiing (4404249) **1.00pm** Pre-1994 Winter Olympics Magazine (11330) **1.30** Show Jumping (175846) **2.30** Olympic Magazine (1794) **3.00** American Ice Hockey (67084) **4.00** Tennis: ATP Tour (2046) **4.30** RAC Car Rally (1930) **5.30** Motorsport Report (62084) **6.30** News (3775) **7.00** Boxing (69862) **8.30** Indoor Supercross Grand Prix (48404) **10.00** Olympic Magazine (24930) **10.30** American Football (40978) **11.00** American Ice Hockey (63249) **12.30-1.00am** News (98282)

UK GOLD

7.00am GP (4716775) **7.30** Neighbours (4728510) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7986152) **8.30** EastEnders (7985423) **9.00** The Bill (7976775) **9.30** All Creatures Great and Small (2994607) **10.30** Casualty (5323959) **11.30** Rhoda (9785978) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7996539) **12.30pm** Neighbours (1167336) **1.00** EastEnders (4715046) **1.30** The Bill (1166607) **2.00** Are You Being Served? (8840775) **2.30** Bread (6522012) **3.00** Dallas (9789794) **4.00** Dynasty (9768201) **5.00** Blankety Blank (8864355) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (8427648) **6.00** Neighbours (5172571) **6.30** EastEnders (7172751) **7.00** All Creatures Great and Small (9212930) **8.00** Are You Being Served? (8860539) **8.30** Bread (8849046) **9.00** Casualty (9241442) **10.00** The Bill (7997268) **10.30** Rory Bremner (7973686) **11.00** Top of the Pops (4203797) **11.45** Dr Who (5543355) **12.15am** FILM: Grand Central Murder (1942, b/w): An actress is murdered on a train (93343379) **1.30** Video Bites (9329640) **2.15-3.30am** Shopping at Night (21332824)

CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am RatKan II (484423) **9.00** Jack in the Box (87084) **11.00** Stories Without Words (61643) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (59882) **12.00** Fame (82602) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (58572) **3.00** The Care Bears (1080336) **3.25** RatKan II (3155065) **3.30** Ovide and the Gang (6201) **4.00** Clyde (5336) **4.30-5.00pm** Runaway Bay (4220)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Dawn Patrol (25133) **7.30** Guts (44268) **8.00** Get The Picture (33688) **8.30** Wild Side (32959) **9.00** We All Have Tales (56539) **9.30** Fraggle Rock (76881) **10.00** Janosch's Dream (94775) **10.30** The World of David the Gnome (45423) **11.00** Sharon, Lois and Bram's Elephant Show (68713) **11.30** Eureeka's Castle (24997) **12.30pm** We All Have Tales (87997) **1.00** The World of David the Gnome (24404) **1.30** Wisdom of The Gnomes (66268) **2.00** Janosch's Dream (3084) **2.30** Special Delivery (4268) **3.00** Kablooey (2591) **3.30** Out of Control (9713) **4.00** Fraggle Rock (8220) **4.30** Hey Dude (4404) **5.00** Clarissa Explains it All (4336) **5.30** Get the Picture (8084) **6.00** Guts (5997) **6.30-7.00pm** Welcome Freshmen (6249)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Birds in Australia (9799171) **5.00** Into the Volcano (7144715) **5.55** Only in Hollywood (7257997) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (5399336) **6.50** Postcards (6841539) **7.00** The Arctic (6842133) **7.30** The Global Family (3572797) **8.00** The Beerhunter (8851881) **8.30** Bush Tucker Man (8847688) **9.00** Heart of Tibet (9249084) **10.00** Discovery Littel (7988510) **10.30** For Real (7964930) **11.00-12.00** Buster Keaton (4723065)

BRAVO

12.00 Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman (7381607) **12.30pm** Edgar Wallace (5345171) **1.30** FILM: Black Beauty (52248171) **3.15** Hopalong Cassidy (7410794) **3.45** Robert Benchley (75348249) **4.00** The Flying Nun (3175020) **4.30** My Three Sons (4827684) **5.00** The Beverly Hillbillies (8859423) **5.30** Donny And Marie (6827864) **6.00** Doris Day (8077387) **6.30** Car 54, Where Are You? (5372779) **7.00** The Mothers-in-Law (8846959) **7.30** The Smothers Brothers Show (3477143) **8.00** FILM: The Kitchen (1961, b/w): A cook goes mad (51244862) **9.15** FILM: The Six Sided Triangle (1964): A husband comes home unexpectedly (8064626) **10.00** FILM: Viking Women and the Sea Serpent (1957, b/w) Sea monsters tackle brave Vikingesses (46984881) **11.10** Art Linkletter (7263152) **11.30-12.00** The Twilight Zone (6674404)

UK LIVING

7.00am Jayne and Friends (1611881) **8.00** Fame, Fortune and Romance (2986317) **8.30** Living Daylights (2985688) **9.00** Divorce Court (2909268) **9.30** Hot Topics (4132355) **10.00** Beautywise (2692046) **10.30** Living Extra (2998152) **11.00** The Advice Shop (8137404) **11.30** Raw Energy (8136133) **12.00** Practical Living (41862423) **12.15pm** Kilroy (2266828) **1.00** Crosswits (2090084) **1.30** Divorce Court (4135442) **2.00** Days of Our Lives (2693775) **3.00** Agony Hour (8149249) **4.00** Crosswits (5506607) **4.30** Infatuation (6595591) **5.00** Jayne and Friends (8166220) **6.00** The Treatment (5516084) **6.30** Floyd on Fish (5507336) **7.00** Agony Hour (2059423) **8.00** The Young And The Restless (2068171) **9.00** FILM: The Abduction of Kari Swenson (1987): True story of Olympic skier (80513359) **10.50** Fame and Fortune (4843539) **11.00** Infatuation (8152713) **11.30** Dr Ruth (2681930) **12.00-1.00am** Days of Our Lives (1675089)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm The Wonder Years (6336) **5.30** Danger Bay (5572) **6.00** Big Brother Jake (5713) **6.30** Catchphrase (6065) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (6572) **7.30** All Clued Up (2249) **8.00** Snowy River (26249) **9.00** FILM: Nervous Ticks (98978) **10.30** The Bob Newhart Show (80510) **11.00** Newhart (82794) **11.30** Mary Tyler Moore (66591) **12.00-1.00am** Lou Grant (87485)

MTV

6.00am Wild Side (486881) **9.00** VJ Marijne (190572) **12.00** Greatest Hits (82620) **1.00pm** On Tour (354423) **3.30** The Report (1448084) **3.45** At The Movies (1443539) **4.00** News (1978978) **4.15** 3 From 1 (1951201) **4.30** Dial MTV (3978) **5.00** The Soul Of MTV (8794) **5.30** Music Non-Stop (75794) **7.00** Simply Red Special (8930) **7.30** Most Wanted (14046) **9.00** Greatest Hits (31171) **10.00** The Report (272130) **10.15** At The Movies (748323) **10.30** News (878201) **10.45** 3 From 1 (806084) **11.00** Beavis and Butt-head (94152) **11.30** VJ Marijne (32881) **1.00am** Chill Out Zone (88602) **2.00-7.00am** Night Videos (6016282)

TV ASIA

6.00am Asian Morning (47930) **6.30** Punjabi News (7722152) **6.45** Gujarati News (5672201) **7.00** Bengali News (93133) **7.30** Hindi News (12268) **8.00** Urdu News (64572) **8.30** English News (92775) **9.30** Palay Shah (68065) **10.30** Lifestyle (26591) **11.30** Telly Talk (59626) **12.00** Hindi, Urdu and English News (74959) **12.30pm** Nukkad (18881) **1.00** Mr Charlie (542341) **4.00** Kiddie Time (88591) **5.00-6.00** Dedicated To You (2997) **7.00** Showtime (4572) **7.30** Sportsworld (5133) **8.00** English News (874881) **8.15** D Youth (361959) **9.00** Faraar (507713) **12.05am** Sat N Live (6942008) **1.00** Star (9593485) **4.00** Mandi (47737) **5.00** Intezaar (18195) **5.30-6.00am** Music (32114)

TNT

11.00pm Ice Pirates (1984). Robert Urich and Mary Crosby trek hopelessly across an arid wasteland (63988065)
12.45am Maya (1965): A boy helps deliver a rare baby white elephant (54148373)
2.30 Drums of Africa (1963). Drama about the African slave trade (17959485). Ends at **5.00am**

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Scrum half gains first England cap after illness rules out Morris

Bracken called up to face All Blacks

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

ENGLAND'S rugby union team to play New Zealand at Twickenham tomorrow, already distinguished by a crop of newcomers, took an even fresher-faced look yesterday. Kyran Bracken, the Bristol scrum half, who celebrated his 22nd birthday earlier this week, will become the second new cap in the side after the withdrawal of Dewi Morris.

Though Bracken refused to describe his elevation as a "meteoric rise", his introduction completes a substantial representative year. During the summer, he played twice for England A — as a replacement in the original party — against the full Canadian side, then flew to Sydney to help England win their under-21 international against Australia.

The law student from Jersey, whose ambition this season was to win a place among England's replacements, gets his chance because Morris has been unable to throw off the tracheal virus that has plagued him all week.

The Orrell scrum half helped his club to victory over Harlequins at the weekend but missed England training on Sunday, was unable to play a full part on Wednesday and only completed 20 minutes at the Stoop Memorial Ground yesterday before pulling out, his breathing difficulties as bad as ever.

Morris has played in England's last ten internationals and, more significantly, was scrum half for the British Isles in the three-match series against the All Blacks last summer. The loss of such experience is a considerable blow to England, who now have only six survivors from their last international, against Ireland in March.

Morris himself is desperately disappointed since, like so many of the other England players with the Lions, he was keenly anticipating the "return" fixture. "To play New Zealand is the game every player from the home unions wants," Geoff Cooke, the England manager said. "Dewi is absolutely flattened."

However, Bracken, though he has accumulated only 19 league fixtures for Bristol, has the right credentials. He has played for England at every level from 16-group schools, through student representative rugby, the under-21s and the England second team. He played stand-off half in his mid-teens at Stonyhurst College before switching to scrum half, in which position he also attracted the attention of the Irish selectors. He was born in Dublin but the family moved to Liverpool when he was two and all his rugby has been played in England.

When the full England call came, it was not unexpected, given Morris's obvious difficulties this week: "I was overjoyed," Bracken said. "Dewi's problems have meant, too, that I have trained with Rob Andrew over the last fortnight and I think we have gelled quite well."

That Bracken will have two such immensely experienced players as Andrew and, at No 8, Dean Richards, on either side of him will help settle any early nerves.

"I can't afford any negative thoughts," Bracken said. "When you get to this level, it's just 80 minutes that you have been working towards all your life." He has the advantage of having already played twice against the All Blacks, for the South and South-West division at Redruth and for England A at Gateshead, though only once against his opponent tomorrow, Stu Forster, who was named yesterday in an unchanged New Zealand team.

In selecting Bracken, England have not had to make a fundamental change: he, like Morris, enjoys challenging opposing back rows, using his 13st weight to best advantage in carrying the ball to the opposition. He is perhaps not as accurate with his tactical kicking as the new replacement scrum half, Northampton's Matthew Dawson.

Bracken is one of the youngest scrum halves to appear for England in recent years, younger even than Nigel Melville and Richard Hill a decade ago. He can expect the warmest of receptions from New Zealand, who, before training at Sandhurst yesterday, named the team that beat Scotland 51-15 with the proviso that Matthew Cooper will be given until tomorrow morning to prove his recovery from a groin strain. Shane Howarth, the Auckland full back, has been added to the replacements in the event of Eroni Clarke being moved into the team to replace Cooper.

Cooke viewed the loss of Morris phlegmatically: "We have had to make more changes than we expected and we now have virtually a scratch side," he said. "It was a big job even before we lost Martin Bayfield, Jerry Guscott and now Dewi. We have to hope we find our feet in the first 20 minutes."

Will Carling, the captain, sounded a positive note: "Kyran's a talented player and my job will be to make him realise how good he is, make sure he goes and enjoys it and that the rest of us help show what he is capable of.

"I think this group of players has incredible potential. It will take the best English performance I have been involved in to win against New Zealand, but the challenge for them all is to take England on from what has been achieved over the last three years and show they can be even better. The World Cup in 1995 is the long-term goal and all of them would love to be part of that."

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JULIAN HERBERT

Bracken, centre, the new England scrum half, tests his breaks in the snow with Obogu, right, in support during an England training session at the Stoop

TWICKENHAM TEAMS

ENGLAND
J Callard (Bath); T Underwood (Leicester), W D C Carling (Harlequins, capt), P R de Glanville (Bath), R Underwood (Leicester/RAF); C R Andrew (Wasps), K Bracken (Bristol); J Leonard (Harlequins), B C Moore (Harlequins), V E Ubogu (Bath), T A K Rodber (Northampton), M O Johnson (Leicester), N C Redman (Bath), B B Clarke (Bath), D Richards (Leicester). Replacements: I Hunter (Northampton), S Barnes (Bath), M Dawson (Northampton), G Rowntree (Leicester), G Dawe (Bath), J P Hall (Bath).

NEW ZEALAND
J K R Timu (Otago); J W Wilson (Otago), F E Bunce (North Harbour), M J A Cooper (Waikato), V L Tuigamala (Auckland); M C G Ellis (Otago), S Forster (Otago); C Dowd (Auckland), S B T Fitzpatrick (Auckland, captain), O M Brown (Auckland), J W Joseph (Otago), I D Jones (Northland), S B Gordon (Waikato), Z V Brooke (Auckland), A R B Pene (Otago). Replacements (from): E Clarke (Auckland), S Howarth (Auckland), J P Preston (Wellington), B P Larsen (North Harbour), P W Henderson (Southland), M R Allen (Taranaki), N Hewitt (Hawk's Bay)

Gallacher agrees to lead Europe in 1995 Ryder Cup

By Mel Webb

SPECULATION became fact yesterday when Bernard Gallacher was re-appointed captain of the European Ryder Cup golf team. He will lead the team, for a third time, at Oak Hill, Rochester, New York in 1995. Gallacher, who resigned the captaincy after Europe's 15-13 defeat by the United States at The Belfry in September, has returned under pressure from senior players in the team.

Spain will stage the match on its return to Europe in 1997, when Severiano Ballesteros is widely expected to lead the team. Ballesteros has, however, said that he intends to be a playing member in 1995 and his influential voice and those of, among others, Nick Faldo and Bernhard Langer, led to Gallacher, 44, agreeing to take on the job again.

The Ryder Cup committee made its decision yesterday morning and telephoned Gallacher, who is on holiday in Mauritius. The Scot, who played in the Cup eight times between 1969 and 1983, immediately accepted.

"I've decided to carry on because I have the full support of the players and because I believe that together we can return from Oak Hill with the Ryder Cup back in European hands," he said. "I have been overwhelmed by the support of the players."

Gallacher's decision represents a complete change of heart. He was adamant, when first taking the job, for the 1991 Ryder Cup, that he would be prepared to lead the team for only two matches, he repeated the sentiment after Europe's 14½-13½ defeat at Kiawah Island in 1991 and confirmed after the match in September that it was to be his last in charge.

Other names were mentioned in connection with the job, among them Brian Barnes, Peter Oosterhuis and Sam Torrance. Tony Jacklin, who captained the team in four matches from 1983, also let it be known that he was keen to stand again.

Gallacher joins a select band of three men to have served more than two terms as captain — Jacklin, Dai Rees, who was in charge five times, and Charles Whitcombe, captain on four occasions.

Pressure builds on Howe to take temporary post


Howe: prepared to help

By John Goodbody

THE muddle over the future of English football and the manager of the national team continued yesterday. Pressure mounted on Don Howe to accept the temporary job of leading England in the two internationals next spring.

Although Peter Swales, the chairman of the Football Association's international committee, said that an approach would be made to Howe, Graham Kelly, the FA's chief executive, said he was unaware any decision had been made. Howe has stated he does not want to be the interim successor to Graham Taylor.

Swales said that an approach would be made to Howe, who was coach under Bobby Robson, to be caretaker manager for the games against Denmark in March and Germany in April. Swales, Kelly and Sir Bert Millichip, the FA chairman, are responsible for finding a temporary manager and decided on Howe within hours of Taylor resigning on Tuesday.

"Apart from discussing Don Howe, we did not come up with anybody else to speak to," Swales said. He had subsequently read of Howe's comments that he did not want the post.

He went on: "We are still hopeful that we can get him to take on the commitment." The FA would expect to have an official reply before the international committee meeting on Tuesday. Swales said that if Howe refused to change his mind, John Lyall, the Ipswich general manager, would be another option.

However, Kelly, speaking about the nomination of Howe on Radio 5, said: "I was not aware that we had made that decision." He said that he had been in meetings all morning and that Sir Bert was in Hungary.

Howe feels that "now is a good time to try other people out" and that the stress of the job is not ideal for someone who has undergone open-heart surgery, as he has. However, Howe, described by Charles Hughes, the FA director of coaching and education, as "one of the best coaches in the world", said he was prepared to help a younger man. "If they asked someone like Ray Wilkins to do the job, I would go along and help him out," he said.

A six-man FA committee is examining the restructuring of the FA itself. The only person on the committee with experience of the professional game is Gordon McKeag, the former Newcastle United chairman. He stressed that the committee had started work at least two months ago, before England's elimination from the World Cup: "However, certainly there is now a better opportunity to look at everything than there has been for a long time. The FA is grasping this opportunity."

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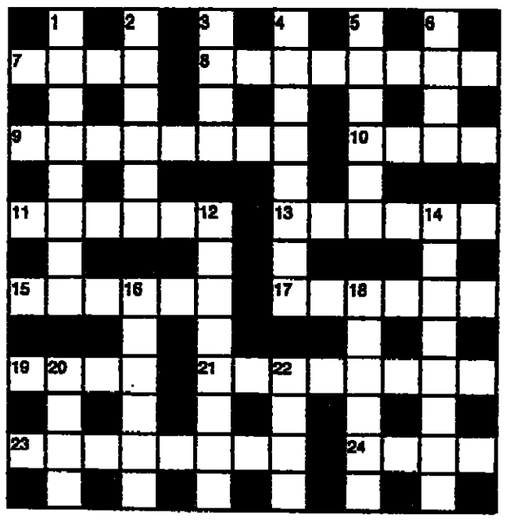
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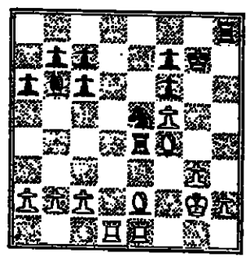
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Kasparov - Short, Times World Championship, game 17. Here Short, Black to play, landed a brilliant coup which won a pawn. Can you do better than Kasparov, and spot what he played?



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

ARCIFINIOUS
a. Rainbow-coloured
b. Bending the bow
c. With defensive frontiers

BRIMBORION
a. Something useless
b. The pause between lightning and thunder
c. A strong sulphurous purgative

VILLEGGIATURA
a. A country holiday
b. Counting as naught
c. A kneeling pass in bullfighting

WHIMLING
a. A miserable creature
b. Thinning mangold-wurzels
c. Whingeing and grumbling

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